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A NOTE FROM ANNE FERRER

2020 has been a strange and challenging year, probably one of the toughest, as our lives were turned upside down, both at a personal and professional level.

However, I would also like to emphasize that it has also been a year of learnings and solidarity. These are some words in which Vicente Ferrer believed very much that have a particular relevance in the current situation:

"The present always contains the seed of a better tomorrow".

One of the essential lessons that we all have all learned as we navigated through this world crisis is that none of us, anywhere in this world, can prosper if we do not care, support and love each other.

I would like to dedicate special thanks to all our donors and friends in India and from abroad, who have been constantly accompanying us throughout the worst and best moments of this year. We could not have done all that we did without your incredible support.

And just as our battle against COVID-19 is not completely over and continues being part of our lives, poverty and suffering do not disappear miraculously neither. And that is why, despite this crisis and also because of this crisis, all of us in RDT are working with outstanding commitment following our Dharma, which includes concern

for others, working beyond duty, the pursuit of excellence, and reaching as many poor as possible.

Everybody deserves to live a life with dignity and equality, and that is what we have been working to accomplish during the last 52 years, and will continue to do so in the coming years.

Once again, thank you to all who made it possible by being in the frontline, and also to those who did it by supporting and believing in our work.

Take care and stay safe,

With our best wishes and affection,

ANNE FERRER,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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Ana Ferrer

A NOTE FROM MONCHO FERRER

The global pandemic in which we are still immersed has shaken every single corner of the globe, hitting India particularly with tremendous intensity. For months, suffering and uncertainty were constantly around us. Yet we also witnessed massive gestures of compassion and solidarity, so I would like to think that we have come out stronger and more resilient from this experience. This year, in the midst of the tragedy and loss of loved ones, we have evidence that the only way to move forward is by working together as one.

Hence, the battle against COVID-19 did not take place only inside the walls of our Bathalapalli hospital. We fought with courage and commitment in every other aspect of our daily lives. We turned a languages school into a temporary gynaecology and obstetrics clinic in just two days to ensure that women could continue to have access to medical attention. We navigated the online education method for children with disabilities with rewarding results. We launched Mana Bhoomi, an initiative to promote environmental consciousness and a sustainable lifestyle in harmony, and we celebrated ten years of working with the Chenchu tribes in Srisailam.

Thus, the seed of future projects has been planted this year as the roots of many other projects have

grown stronger with the wisdom that we've gained in 2020.

However, we couldn't have done any of this without the support of our friends, donors and supporters in India and abroad, and without the resilience and commitment of all our team working at the forefront in India.

Thank you all for your courage, bravery and love which helped us to keep going through the darkest times. We will continue to do everything in our hands to remain worthy of this trust.

With affection,

MONCHO FERRER,
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR



INTRODUCTION

RDT aims to tackle poverty, suffering and inequality in its diverse manifestations.

Our programmes in multiple sectors are implemented in over 3,755 villages.

Through the process local leadership is promoted to ensure that communities are the main actors in their own development.

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MISSION

Empowering rural communities in India and supporting them in their struggle to eradicate poverty, suffering and injustice.



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DHARMA

Concern for others
Work beyond duty
Pursuit of excellence
Reaching as many poor as possible



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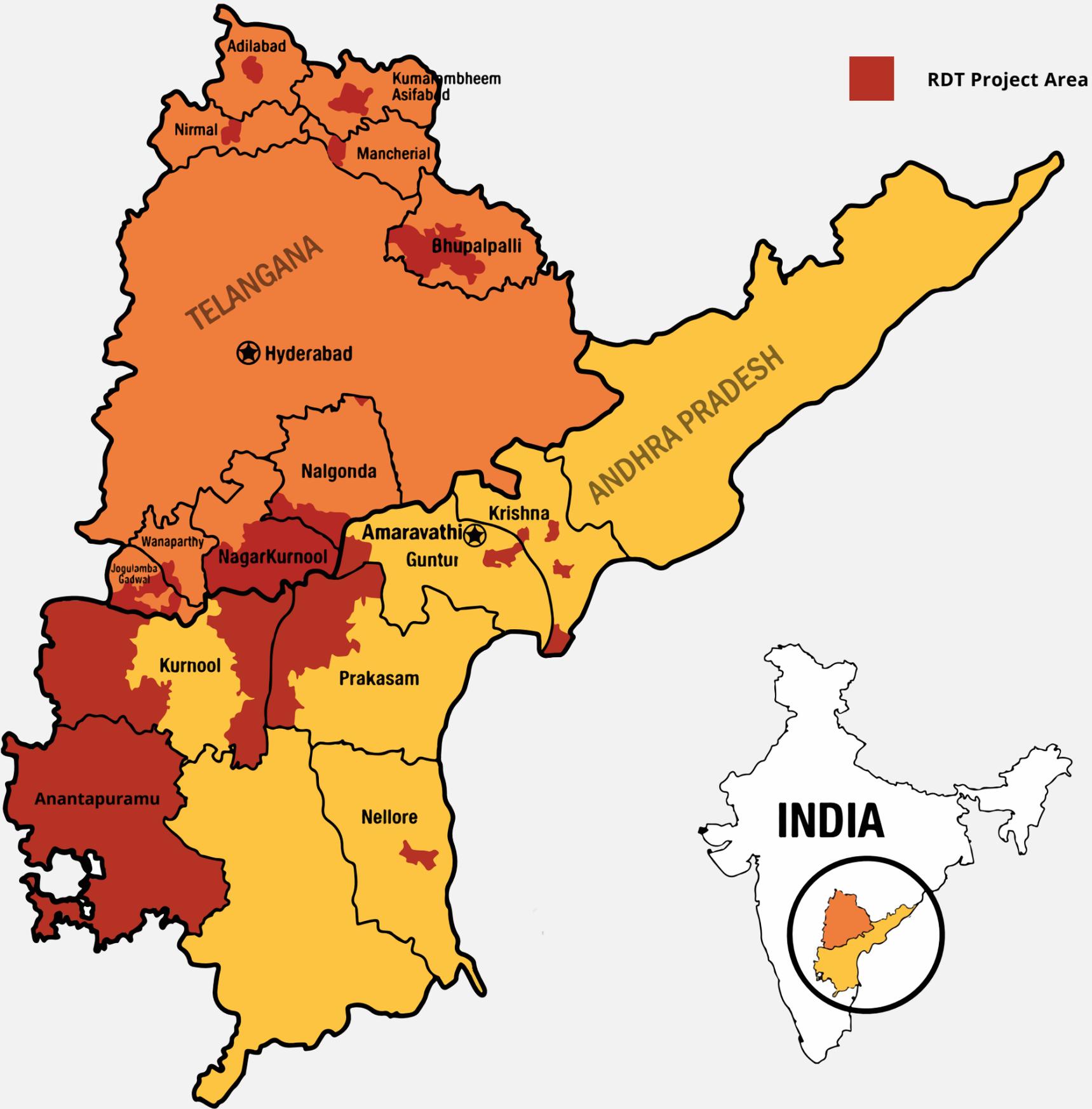
VISION

A caring, just and equitable society.



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WHERE WE WORK



OUR APPROACH

Sustainable Development demands the active engagement of various stakeholders in society.

RDT acts as a 'facilitator' between these different stakeholders.



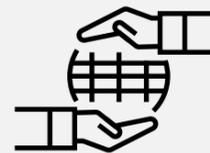
Supporting **the government** in implementing different schemes and policies and assisting the communities to access them.



Engaging with citizens and institutions in India and abroad to promote solidarity and thereby supplement the efforts of RDT.



**Rural
Development
Trust (RDT)**



Developing strategies to align the needs of the communities with the **CSR objectives of our corporate partners** to leverage impact.



Facilitating the formation of **community-based organisations** to enable the communities to be the driving force in their development.





OUR IMPACT

6,278

COVID-19 patients treated in Bathalapalli

5,54,088

medical visits attended by our hospitals

99,543

women empowering themselves and others in sanghams

83,317

plants dibbled for afforestation

80,337

houses built (cumulative)

1,15,851

childrens' education supported and followed up

24,962

PWDs creating a supportive network through vikalangula sanghams

Recognitions received

"Best private hospital for COVID-19 in Andhra Pradesh" award by the Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, to RDT Bathalapalli Hospital (August 2020)

"Best support staff" award in the FNO/MNO category by the Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, to RDT Bathalapalli Hospital (August 2020)

RDT AT THE FRONTLINE

The Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department is temporary set up in RDT's Professional School of Languages to ensure that all new mothers and infants have access to healthcare throughout the crisis

March 2020

India declares the largest lockdown of the world. RDT uses all its resources and expertise to contain and fight the pandemic.

Artisans started to produce non-surgical fabric masks to assist with the shortage of masks in the region.



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The RDT team starts to distribute food to daily wagers and migrants across Anantapur urban and rural areas.
More than 10,000 meals were prepared every day.

April 2020

RDT Hospital is appointed as RDT COVID-19 Healthcare facility. All general services were suspended.

16th April 2020



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Small posts are set up alongside the Bangalore-Hyderabad Highway to provide basic provisions and refreshments for migrants on their way home.

May 2020

Kalyandurg Hospital remains as the only private non-COVID-19 Hospital in the whole district of Ananthapuramu.

Wall paintings and role-plays are conducted across the district to spread awareness about the virus in an accessible way.

June - July 2020

BTP Hospital undergoes some renovations to prepare the facilities for the second wave and trainings for the medical staff are conducted.*

January 2021

RDT Health professionals are vaccinated



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March 2021

RDT Bathalapalli Hospital resumes its regular services while keeping a separate ward for COVID-19 patients.

September 2020

*On April 19th 2021, RDT Bathalapalli Hospital was reappointed as COVID-19 Healthcare Centre upon the request of the district authorities. [Click here for more information.](#)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORK AGAINST COVID-19

**March
2020**

**+ 5 Lakhs cotton
masks produced**



**April
2020**

**503,783
cooked meals
distributed**



**16th
April
2020**

**+6,300
COVID-19
patients
treated during
the first wave**



**June - July
2020**

**+1.5 lakh
persons reached
through
awareness**



**+8,000 families
received basic
provisions**

**December
2020**

**415 tabs distributed to
children studying at RDT
Inclusive High Schools
for them to ensure
continued access to
education.**

OUR WORK

We conduct robust, well-entrenched projects designed to ensure access to **quality education, primary and hospital healthcare, sustainable livelihoods** for the families in the region, housing and basic services; to support the empowerment of women, people with disabilities and tribal communities, and to unleash the full potential of future generations through **culture and sports**.

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C L I M A T E
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GENDER EQUALITY

To achieve a society free from gender discrimination and violence, where women are guaranteed equal rights and can access equal opportunities in order to become agents of change.



OUR APPROACH

RDT's approach is based on the promotion and support of community based organisations, such as Women sanghams and Community Development Committees. By creating safe spaces we not only contribute to strengthening women's voices, prompting their empowerment and independence at the individual and collective level, but also challenge the deeply rooted patriarchal values through awareness and youth Engagement.



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99,543 Sangham
Members

7,626 Sanghams

48,065 women
accessed
financial
resources

2,427 girls involved in
sports and cultural
programs

1,67,971 G&O medical
visits through
RDT Hospital
Network

2,041 Participants in
gender violence
counselling
sessions



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LINES OF WORK

Bridge existing gaps between women and men by creating access to training opportunities, awareness, economic resources and income generation activities and ownership.

RDT has supported 1,993 women to participate in various skills training programmes and dairy development programmes to boost their financial independence, with special emphasis on widows. In order to increase their social status, RDT built 1,299 houses under women's names and 19,386 adolescent girls participated in gender workshops about the importance of education and girls and women rights.

Improve the health and wellbeing of women and girls by facilitating their access to affordable healthcare, through RDT Hospital Network or Government facilities, with special emphasis on reproductive health and anaemia.

A total of 11,022 women were assisted with institutional deliveries at the RDT Hospital network, and 5,108 women's pregnancies were followed up and received special counselling by the Health Organisers. To tackle the burden of anaemia among women in rural areas, 18,602 women were screened for anaemia and received treatment and information about nutrition and a healthy lifestyle.

Reduce gender-based violence through workshops, counselling services for families and active assessment and protection for those who seek shelter and professional assistance.

Through its six counselling centres, RDT supported 2,041 women who underwent gender violence situations, contributing to breaking the silence surrounding it. Similarly, 21 girls and women in distress were given assistance at RDT's Shelter Home, where they were provided with accommodation, food, vocational training or formal education and psychological support.



THE PANDEMIC OF THE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

T R A N S F O R M I N G L I V E S

The socioeconomic consequences that the pandemic has brought with it can encourage situations of discomfort within family members. In some cases, it can cause an increase in physical or emotional aggression towards women, who carry the main burden of the house.

"At times like the one experienced last year is when our work is most important. Violence against women does not stop during a pandemic but increases," says Sunita, an RDT gender counsellor in the Bukkaraya Samudram region with more than 12 years of experience."

The gender counsellor team has been providing essential services for the community and its women for years.

**BEING ABLE TO CALL MY
COUNSELLOR AND HAVING HER
TO HELP ME GO ON IN SUCH
DIFFICULT TIMES IS PRICELESS,"**

THULASI
GENDER VIOLENCE SURVIVOR

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

To improve access to quality healthcare for rural communities and raise awareness on health, hygiene and sanitation to achieve communities free from the burden of diseases.



OUR APPROACH

With the aim to address the health accessibility gap between the urban and rural areas, RDT started its first rural clinic in the late seventies and later expanded the hospital network, which now includes multiple specialities and it is aligned with numerous Government health schemes. RDT works to improve not only the access to healthcare but to create awareness on various diseases and health problems to debunk myths that affects patients wellbeing.



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+6,300 COVID-19 patients treated

4,036 visits to our orthopedic and prosthetics workshops

11,043 deliveries conducted in our hospitals

1,67,971 G&O medical visits

5,54,088 medical visits received in our hospitals

53,077 participants in awareness camps on health



LINES OF WORK

Enhance access to affordable healthcare through RDT hospital network and rural and mobile clinics to reach the rural and remote communities.

RDT runs two secondary-level hospitals at Bathalapalli and Kalyandurg and a primary-level hospital at Kanekal. On 16th April 2020,

Bathalapalli Hospital was appointed as COVID-19 healthcare facility and provided treatment to 6,278 COVID-19 patients during the first wave. Kalyandurg and Kanekal Hospitals remained open at all times. Over 9,036 institutional deliveries and 2,167 gynaec surgeries were performed in RDT Hospitals. Through its six rural clinics, our medical staff at the grassroots spread awareness about COVID-19 symptoms, prevention and vaccination.

Create access to rehabilitation services to promote autonomy for persons with disabilities to be able to lead independent lives and improve their quality of life.

Through the RDT Hospital network, our team identified disabilities in infants and adults and conducted corrective surgeries and 141 children up to 2 years were referred to the Early Intervention team. With the aim of increasing

independence, our orthopaedic workshops team fabricated and repaired 5,864 aids and appliances for PWDs, and 199 orthopaedic surgeries were performed during 2020-2021

Fight the burden of HIV and TB in partnership with the Government through awareness, access to treatment, follow up and counselling for the patients and their families.

RDT Hospital for Infectious Diseases (HID), also known as Care and Support Centre, was the first private hospital authorised to provide free second-line antiretroviral treatment in India, after being recognised as an ART+ Centre by Andhra Pradesh State Aids Control Society (APSACS). In 2020-2021, 1,255 TB patients and 3,779 HIV patients registered for ART first line and 701 for ART second line were treated in this facility, with an adherence of 95% to the treatment. During the lockdown, HID outreach

workers and social workers worked together to deliver the necessary medication to the patient through a door-to-door system.

Ensure access to clean and safe drinking water and proper sanitation systems to promote hygiene, health and overall well-being of individuals and communities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the critical importance of sanitation, hygiene and adequate access to clean water for preventing and containing diseases. RDT constructs and facilitates access to pipelines and storage tanks. During 2020-2021, we installed 18 Reverse Osmosis Plants to provide potable water in villages and built 1,399 bathrooms cum toilets. 1,611 persons attended awareness sessions on sanitation.

ALIGNED WITH THE GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND SCHEMES TO ENSURE ACCESS TO HEALTH:

- HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE DEPT,
Government of Andhra Pradesh
- District Medical and Health Office Department
(DM&HO), Ananthapuramu
- Government Children immunization program
- District Women & Child Development Agency,
Anantapur - DW & CDA
- Integrated Child Development Services – ICDS
- Child Welfare Committee, Anantapur - CWC
- Dr. YSR Aarogyasri health scheme by the
Government of Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh State Aids Control Society
(APSACS) through National Aids Control
Organization (NACO)
- Revised National TB Control Program (RNTCP).
- District Medical and Health Office Department
(DM&HO), Ananthapuramu
- Government Children immunization program
- Nirmaya Health Insurance Program (Govt)





A CLAIM FOR LIFE IN THE DARKEST TIMES

T R A N S F O R M I N G L I V E S

From April to mid-October 2020, RDT Bathalapalli Hospital was appointed as an exclusive COVID-19 healthcare facility. Since its appointment, all the staff members pooled their human power and resources to provide the very much-needed healthcare.

Sheetal, who was 30 weeks pregnant when she tested COVID positive is one of the thousands of patients treated in Bathalapalli. Her pregnancy affected her diaphragm and lung's capacity deteriorating her health rapidly and increasing the threat to her life and her son's. The medical team had to come to a conclusion: To do a C-section ensuring at all times that the mother was in a stable condition.

THIS PERIOD HAS BEEN ONE OF TURMOIL FOR MY FAMILY AND ME, BUT I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT WE RECEIVED FROM THE TEAM AT THE RDT HOSPITAL, WHO GAVE US COURAGE. I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER KNOWING THAT I AM REGAINING MY HEALTH AND MY BABY IS DOING FINE"

SHEETAL

COVID-19 PATIENT AT RDT
BATHALAPALLI HOSPITAL

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

To equip rural communities with tools to improve their living conditions through capacity building, income generation activities and access to property to lead a dignified life.



OUR APPROACH

The lack of resources to cover one's own needs and a dignified shelter affects all aspects of life. RDT works for and with the communities and Government authorities to create awareness and mobilise public resources, strengthen essential infrastructural services and facilitate access to individual and collective asset ownership and income generation activities.



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14 community centers built

96% of new RDT owners are women

1,351 houses built

27,358 persons with access to savings systems

25,559 Women and PWDs started income generation activities

1,51,046 persons involved in Community Based Organizations



LINES OF WORK

Capacity building and leadership skills to contribute to the empowerment of rural communities, emphasising women and persons with disabilities.

In 2020-2021, 24,962 PWDs and parents of children with disabilities were actively involved in 1,947 Vikalangula Sanghams. Out of these, 1,747 people are part of mandal samakhyas to represent the groups' issues at the district level. In the same period, 8,417 women leaders participated in leadership training. 26,469 persons, 50% women, came forward to participate in the Community Development Committees.

Facilitate access to livelihoods and economic independence to pave the way to self-confidence

In the reported year, RDT supported women Self-Help Groups where 22,048 women have received financial support to start income generation activities to increase their social status within the community and secure their future. Also, 3,511 PWDs have been supported to set up income-generation activities. The sangham groups have also assessed PWDs and their families to mobilise Government resources, like job cards, medical certificates, scholarships, Government land sites, among others.

Strengthen access to dignified shelter and community-owned assets for the full development of societies.

We partner with communities to increase their asset base by providing them with the infrastructure they lack and the resources to build them. 1,299 women and 109 persons with disabilities have ownership of the houses constructed by RDT in the reported year. Fourteen supplementary schools-cum community centres were built, which became community assets and used as tuition schools to conduct meetings.



TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES THROUGH LOCAL RESOURCES

T R A N S F O R M I N G L I V E S

28 women belonging to the Chenchu tribe started in 2019 an exciting adventure: A Plates and cups leaf-making centre.

This project, carried out with the support of RDT and the Integrated Tribal Development Agency, has transformed the domestic economy of these women and their families and the way society and they perceive themselves. “Before jumping into production, we needed to be a group. That’s why we created a sangham, we opened a bank account and underwent various months of training”, explains Nagamma.

RDT has been supporting the development and wellbeing of the Chenchu Communities since 2010 to tackle the lack of access to education, health and dignified shelter. To promote the local communities’ capacities and leadership skills and enhance their economic independence through sustainable livelihoods.

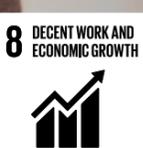
THIS CENTRE IS A RAY OF HOPE NOT ONLY FOR US, CHENCHU WOMEN BUT FOR OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY AS WE ARE TODAY THE BREADWINNERS OF THE HOUSE AND RESPECTED AGENTS”

NAGAMMA

BHOOMANI PEDDA, DORNALA AREA.

CHILD PROTECTION AND EDUCATION

To ensure that every child and adolescent fulfil their potential by growing up in a safe and inclusive environment and have equal access to opportunities while addressing educational inequalities.



OUR APPROACH

The global challenge for education is not just about providing access but also about ensuring quality and equal opportunities. We work to bridge gaps between primary, higher and technical education through direct initiatives and by supporting the Government programs. We implement holistic and inclusive curriculums to ensure that children with and without disabilities grow up in safe environments in order to fulfil their potential.



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653 tablets distributed
for online education

873 Community-based
teachers trained

4,829 children with disabilities
provided with educational
and rehabilitation assistance
at all levels

5,478 students higher
education supported

1,174 tuition schools
supported

6,150 children involved in the
sports programme



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LINES OF WORK

Implement inclusive education and holistic curriculums for children from vulnerable communities to enable them to develop their skills and capacities

737 children with and without disabilities are pursuing formal education in eight RDT inclusive schools*. To continue their education even during the worst days of the pandemic, RDT distributed

tablets and internet recharges for those between 6th to 10th class and trained them on its use. The primary school students also received regular home visits by their teachers. Our team followed up through video calls and home visits with 483 children with cerebral palsy and intellectual disability usually enrolled in our rehabilitation centres as well.

**As per the Government Guidelines on 20th March 2020, all schools in the country were forced to shut down to contain the spread of the COVID-19.*

Secure future opportunities for children and youth through training, counselling and foreign languages to develop their employability skills

RDT General Support Programme and Special Scholarships programme was interrupted for 2020-2021 due to the pandemic. However, RDT continued to assist 5,476 students from vulnerable

families studying graduation and postgraduation. The Professional School of Foreign Languages*, which shifted to an online format, contributed to tackling youth unemployment in rural areas, as 76% of their students secure jobs shortly after completing the course. Additionally, 1,186 youngsters with disabilities were provided with assistance and training to access higher education and technical courses.

Build capacities that contribute to individual and community development by ensuring access to the necessary tools and supporting the efforts of the Government.

To ensure that every child has the best possible access to education, as soon as the mobility restrictions were lifted RDT distributed 880 bicycles. The sports for development activities restarted with reduced groups and following

the preventive measures. During the concerned period, RDT also assisted the Government in expanding public facilities: eight Government schools and colleges were assisted through the construction of 53 new classrooms.

Protect the most vulnerable children to ensure that they grow up in a safe environment away from discrimination, stigma and abuse.

Through its 2 orphanages for children living with HIV or affected by HIV, RDT provided accommodation, proper nutrition, counselling and health check-ups for 71 children. During 2020-2021, about 1,246 fully orphaned children received financial support to access education, accommodation and food. With the support of RDT Social Action teams and the communities, 69 child marriages were successfully stopped during the reported year.



BACK TO SCHOOL: THE ONLINE WAY

T R A N S F O R M I N G L I V E S

The COVID-19 outbreak has put the education and future of thousands of children at a crossroads. Since March 2020, educational institutions have adopted technology-based systems for remote learning. However, studying online is not feasible when children with different capacities do not have access to adequate tools.

Concerned about the situation of the students with and without disabilities and having witnessed poor attendance despite offering online classes, RDT took a firm decision: To provide a tablet, headphones, SIM card and data recharge, as well as installation and training to the 415 students enrolled in our institutions so they can continue their education without any hassle during this pandemic.

MY DREAM IS TO BECOME A DISTRICT COLLECTOR, BUT I CAN ONLY ACHIEVE MY GOAL IF I CAN CONTINUE WITH MY EDUCATION, AND THIS HAS BEEN POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE TABLETS AND THE SPECIAL TRAINING WE HAVE RECEIVED”.

ROSHI

10TH GRADE STUDENT AT RDT
INCLUSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

CLIMATE ACTION

To promote mechanisms that enable individuals' and communities' to live in harmony with nature and to initiate sustainable, innovative projects that protect our Earth.



OUR APPROACH

Climate change is affecting every country on every continent and disrupting life as we know it. RDT uses a holistic approach to address this challenge. On one side, we work to create environmental awareness and responsibility in society to show that sustainable alternative ways of living are possible. At the same time, we take forward activities that protect the environment through afforestation and water conservation initiatives while supporting the livelihoods of the rural communities.



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393 rainwater harvesting structures built

1,486 farmers shifted to micro-irrigation systems

1,638 participate in the Ecology Development Committees

2,024 families joined horticulture programs

83,317 plants dibbled for afforestation

4,16,879 trees (fruit species) distributed



© Nagappa/ RDT

LINES OF WORK

Protect the environment to ensure tomorrow's livelihoods through afforestation and water conservation activities

Afforestation and conservation offer watershed protection, prevent soil erosion and mitigate climate change. 83,317 plants have been dibbled this year for afforestation purposes. In Anantapur district, a drought-prone area, water conservation has always been a pillar of our work. During

2020-2021, 20 check dams have been built and with RDT's support, up to 1,486 farmers from Rayalaseema region shifted to drip and micro irrigation systems.

Foster environment-conscious communities to promote a lifestyle in harmony with nature.

Based on the idea that our society has the potential to be improved and after the experience

of the lockdown, RDT management took the initiative to launch Mana Bhoomi - "Our Earth is our Home. Let us live together in Harmony with Nature" with the aim to raise awareness, especially among children and youngsters, about the climate emergency while taking actions to turn RDT Campuses and facilities into green spaces and implement innovative and sustainable solutions.



ECOVILLAGES: PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

T R A N S F O R M I N G L I V E S

To combat the chronic issues faced by the people, RDT launched its 5-year eco-village programme with an objective to create sustainable and diversifying livelihood opportunities. In the past five years, RDT has dug 116 bore wells and open wells and installed 63 micro-irrigation systems in Papampalli village that helped manage water sustainably and ensured water supply to the village. To increase productivity and reduce the dependence on rains, wetland and dryland crops were planted across 700 acres of Papampalli's land.

Awareness on water management and the benefits of multicropping programs and the wellbeing of the soil were also discussed with the families.

FIVE YEARS AGO, WE HAD SEVERE WATER ISSUES IN OUR VILLAGE, AND BECAUSE OF IT, WE WERE UNABLE TO CULTIVATE ON LAND OR SUSTAIN CATTLE. WE WERE DEPENDENT ON THE WATER TANK THAT CAME TWICE IN A WEEK. HOWEVER, THANKS TO THE WELL BUILT BY RDT AND THE WORKSHOPS PROVIDED, MY CROPS ARE GROWING AGAIN"

RAMESH REDDY

FARMER FROM PAPAMPALLI ATMAKUR REGION

BUILDING BRIDGES OF SOLIDARITY

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RUN FOR CHANGE: AUM 2020

The VI Anantapur Ultramarathon (AUM), known as the only relay ultramarathon in India, took place on the 23rd of January 2021, this time in a unique way due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It involved more than 450 athletes running from 20 different cities across different countries: Spain, Germany, Australia and USA, together with 50 runners from Anantapur joined this virtual run with the aim to raise funds for the most vulnerable people in India.

The participants raised Rs. 1.5 crore rupees to support RDT's COVID-19 work at the frontline as well as to contribute to the education and healthcare of children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds.



THIS YEAR OUR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS COULDN'T BE WITH US HERE, BUT BY ORGANISING THIS EVENT IN THEIR CITIES, THEY HAVE SHOWN US THEIR SOLIDARITY AND AFFECTION. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE RUNNERS AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE HERE IN ANANTAPUR, FOR MAKING THIS EDITION OF THE RACE TRULY UNIQUE".

MONCHO FERRER

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT: INDIA FOR INDIA

The project India for India, an initiative which was started in 2012 by people from the villages under the slogan, "Spandinchu Sayam Andinchu" ("Let your hearts respond and hands help"), has reached its ninth edition.

Born with the purpose of mobilising citizens and institutions all over India to eradicate poverty and human suffering while supplementing and fostering the efforts of RDT, the hundis initiative has spread to every town and city, as well as outside our project areas. This year, it has also incorporated a monthly payroll programme.



**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE
BRINGS HAPPINESS AND
JOY TO OUR HEARTS. RDT
HAS TAUGHT US THAT WITH
HUMANITY AND SOLIDARITY,
WE CAN MAKE A BETTER
WORLD. I AM GLAD TO BE A
PART OF THIS MOVEMENT".**

LOKESH GOWDA

BOMMANAHAL MANDAL
OF ANANTHAPURAMU

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS 2020 - 2021

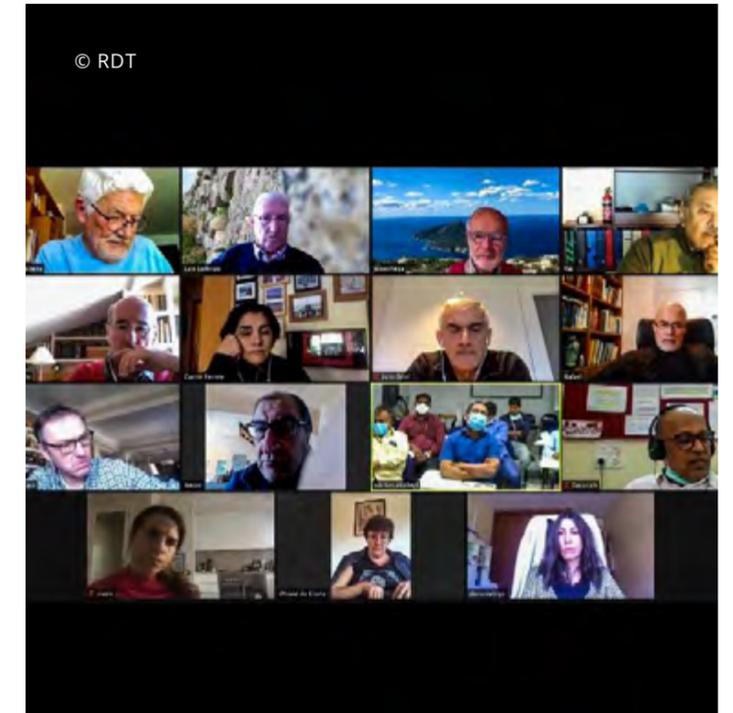


SMALL GESTURES THAT CHANGE THE LIVES OF MANY

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, RDT witnessed a wave of solidarity from the local communities when thousands of farmers, people from the villages and members of community-based organisations started sending donations in kind to support the RDT food distribution programme to palliate the effects of COVID-19.

4TH MARTHA FARRELL AWARDS: TOWARDS BUILDING A GENDER-JUST FUTURE

RDT collaborated with Martha Farrell Foundation and Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) to host the 4th Annual Martha Farrell Awards over a virtual ceremony on October 10th, 2020. The goal of the award is to acknowledge the work and commitment of institutions and individuals towards a gender-equal society.



SHARING KNOWLEDGE TO DEFEAT THE UNKNOWN

The support given among medical professionals grew stronger during the COVID-19 pandemic through online training and workshops between the RDT medical team and doctors living overseas. During these sessions, they exchanged knowledge and shared experiences about how to deal with this unknown virus, the implementation of safety protocols, diagnosis methods and suitable treatments.

OUR MAIN SUPPORTERS AND FRIENDS

- Fundación Vicente Ferrer (Spain)
- Vicente Ferrer Foundation (US)
- Stiftung Vicente Ferrer (Germany)
- Friends of RDT (UK)
- The Anganwadi Project
- Rafa Nadal Foundation
- Laliga Foundation & LaLiga Women's
- Martha Farrell Foundation
- Sankalp India Foundation
- Bhavishyath Counselling
- Sri Krishna Devaraya University Anantapur
- Youth4Jobs
- SACRED
- Mobility India
- Special Olympics Bharat
- Association of Persons with Disabilities India (APD)
- Indian Wheelchair Tennis Tour
- Village Energy Group



WE HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH RDT FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS. WE ARE NOT ONLY CONNECTED IN THE WORK, BUT WE ARE ALSO CONNECTED IN OUR VALUES. WE IMMENSELY RESPECT OUR ASSOCIATION DUE TO MUTUAL RESPECT AND TRUST WE HAVE DEVELOPED THESE YEARS.”

RITU GOSH, ACADEMICS
DIRECTOR, MOBILITY INDIA

MAIN CSR INITIATIVES



Ensuring safe water, proper sanitation and hygiene for the well-being of the rural communities.



Facilitating access to education and safe journey for girls on their way to school.



Providing protective gears and medical material for medical staff working at the frontline against COVID-19.



Improving women's employability skills for their economic independence through training and capacity building.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Mr. M. Thippeswamy
Chairperson



Ms. Eli Jessintha
Trustee



Dr. Y.V. Malla Reddy
Trustee



Mr. Moncho Ferrer
Trustee

MANAGEMENT



Mrs. Anne Ferrer
Executive Director



Mr. Moncho Ferrer
Programme Director

Senior core team

Overall executive body of the organisation, for policy and decision making

General core team

To guide and monitor the work in all programmes and sectors across the different regions

Women core team

Platform for women at all levels in the organisation to discuss gender related issues and promote women's skills and leadership capacities

OUR PEOPLE

OF THE ENTIRE
STAFF AT RDT

2,318 employees
divided into
four cadres

48% of our
employees
are women

6% of our employees
are persons with
disabilities

38% women in
leadership
positions

AUDIT REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To
The Board of Trustees of
Rural Development Trust
Anantapuramu.

I. Opinion :

We have audited the attached Financial Statements of **Rural Development Trust (The Trust) , Ananthapuramu**, which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021 and also the statement of Income and Expenditure Account and the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended on that date and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Trust as at 31st March,2021 and of its excess of Income over Expenditure for the year then ended in accordance with the Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.(ICAI).

II. Basis for Opinion :

We had conducted the audit in accordance with auditing Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by ICAI. Our Responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements Section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by ICAI that are relevant to our audit and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



III. Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements :

Management is responsible for preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs, results of operations and cash flows of the Trust in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records for safeguarding of the assets of the Trust and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Management either intends to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Management is also responsible for overseeing the Trust's financial reporting process.

IV. Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements:

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably





be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit



evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

For and on behalf of
M/s. **V.K.MadhavaRao & Co.**,
Chartered Accountants,
Firm Registration No:001908S

(V.M.SUDHAKAR)
Proprietor
(Membership No : 202151)



Place : Secunderabad
Date : 8th January, 2022

UDIN - 22202151AAAAAC5591

RURAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST :: ANANTHAPURAMU
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL 2020 to 31st MARCH 2021.

RECEIPTS	SCHEDULE Nos	AMOUNT ₹.		PAYMENTS	SCHEDULE Nos	AMOUNT ₹.	
Opening Balance:				Education for Transformation Programme	SCH - X - A	24,36,66,521.81	
Cash	SCH - I	6,89,959.00					
Bank		46,63,48,221.51	46,70,38,180.51	Ecology and Sustainable Livelyhood Programme	SCH - X - B	33,35,35,249.87	
Field / Area Offices	SCH-1-A		9,17,79,252.14				
Cheques / DD on Hand	SCH-1-B		39,07,227.25	Community Health Programme	SCH - X - C	14,90,48,679.81	
Grants & Donations Received :							
Foreign Grants & Donations	SCH - II	226,73,57,635.26		Rural Hospitals Programme	SCH - X - D	61,15,87,480.24	
Foreign Grants - Specific		6,85,275.60					
Local Grants - Specific		2,30,66,879.00		Women Emowerment Programme	SCH - X - E	8,74,04,726.16	
Donations		12,97,37,330.31	242,08,47,120.17				
				Habitat Programme	SCH - X - F	51,40,24,465.21	
Other Receipts / Income :							
Interest	SCH - III	43,87,49,451.96		Disability Inclusive Development Proramme	SCH - X - G	13,62,37,330.72	
Dividends		65,148.12					
Income on Investments		1,22,07,245.10		Partner Relations Programme	SCH - X - H	2,38,67,179.48	
Other Receipts -Insurance Claims / Other Income		15,11,720.50					
Hospital Income		21,12,60,837.91		Area Development Programme	SCH - X - I	20,00,17,165.80	
Nursing School Income		15,24,105.00					
Sale of Scrap		2,73,315.00		Sports for Development Programme	SCH - X - J	1,45,16,982.06	
Income from Sports Centre		4,58,421.42	66,60,50,245.01				
Sale of Fixed Assets :				Central Offices and Campuses Departments	SCH - X - K	13,62,22,205.32	
Sale of Fixed Assets	SCH - IV		8,09,000.00				
				Monitoring & Evaluation Department	SCH - X - L	1,11,62,172.40	

As per our report of even date attached
for M/S V.K.MADHAVA RAO & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
ICAI Firm Registration No : 001908S


V.M.SUDHAKAR
Proprietor

Membership No : 202151

UDIN : 22202151AAAAAC5591



RECEIPTS	SCHEDULE Nos	AMOUNT ₹.	PAYMENTS	SCHEDULE Nos	AMOUNT ₹.
Current Liabilities - Staff Welfare :					
Staff Welfare (Gratuity & Health Benefits)	SCH - V	4,18,94,311.06	Revenue Expenditure - Charities	SCH - X - M	2,76,81,800.00
Inter Program Transfers [as per Contra]			Capital Expenditure	SCH - X - N	12,53,94,950.85
Inter Program Transfers [as Per Contra]	SCH - VI	30,00,000.00	Revenue Expenditure - Payment against Current Liabilities	SCH - X - O	3,58,07,143.00
Advances :					265,01,74,052.73
Advances from Other Programs (as per Contra)	SCH - VII	43,59,787.50	Inter Program Transfers [as Per Contra]	SCH - VI	30,00,000.00
Recovery of Staff Advances		9,39,890.00	Advances :		
Refund of Advance from Suppliers & Others		30,64,210.37	Advances to Other Programs (as per Contra)	SCH - VII	43,59,787.50
Refund of TDS - from Income Tax Department		8,20,38,427.66	Refund of Government Advances & Bills		8,73,200.00
Refund of TCS - from Income Tax Department		2,41,887.00	Advances to Staff		73,873.00
	9,06,44,202.53	Advances to Suppliers & Others	36,20,014.00		
		TDS Receivable from Income Tax Department	3,77,06,698.86		
Current Assets - GST :	SCH - VII-B		TCS Receivable from Income Tax Department		93,884.13
GST - Input Tax Credit		2,10,904.16			4,67,27,457.49
Realization of Fixed Deposits / Investments :	SCH - VIII		Current Assets - GST :	SCH - VII-A	
Bank Investments [Fixed Deposits]		6,24,57,025.00	GST - Input Tax Credit		3,24,778.76
Current Asset - Unconsumed Hospital Purchases A:31.03.2020 :	SCH - VIII-B		Bank Investments / [Fixed Deposits] :	SCH - VIII	
Unconsumed Hospital purchases [consumed this year]		3,13,83,471.02	Bank Investments / [Fixed Deposits]		79,29,19,567.21
Current Liabilities - GST PAYMENT DUE:	SCH - XIII-B		Current Asset - Unconsumed Hospital Purchases A : 31.03.2021		
GST Payment Due to Government [Net]		3,16,050.29	Unconsumed Hospital purchases	SCH - VIII-B	2,91,70,718.50

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Chartered Accountants
ICAI Firm Registration No : 001908S


V.M.SUDHAKAR
Proprietor



Membership No : 202151

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RECEIPTS	SCHEDULE Nos	AMOUNT ₹.	PAYMENTS	SCHEDULE Nos	AMOUNT ₹.
Current Liabilities - Other Liabilities	SCH - XIII-I		Current Liabilities - EMD :	SCH - XII	
Other Liabilities		54,364.63	Earnest Money Deposit [NET]		18,66,136.00
			Current Liabilities - GST :	SCH - XIII-A	
			Current Liabilities - GST Due, paid this year[NET]		24,314.52
			Current Liabilities - Income Tax Payment Due Paid	SCH - XIII-F	
			TDS Deducted Amount Due to Government [Net] Paid		35,05,989.00
			Current Liabilities - Provident Fund Payment Due Paid	SCH - XIII-G	
			Provident Fund Deducted Amount Due to Govt. [Net] Paid		47,47,002.00
			Current Liabilities - Profession Tax Payment Due Paid	SCH - XIII-H	
			Profession Tax Deducted Amount Due to Govt. [Net] Paid		81,100.00
			Closing Balances:		
			Cash:	SCH - I	10,70,960.00
			Bank:		22,30,30,527.11
			Field / Area Offices	SCH - I-A	12,28,75,394.45
			CQs / DDs on Hand (AT YEAR END)	SCH - I-B	8,73,356.00
TOTAL ₹.		388,03,91,353.77	TOTAL ₹.		388,03,91,353.77

Significant accounting Policies and Notes on accounts:	XXI
The Schedules referred to above form an integral part of the financial statements.	

As per our report of even date attached
for M/S V.K.MADHAVARAO & Co.,

Chartered Accountants

ICAI Firm Registration No : 001908S



V.K. SUDHAKAR
Proprietor

Membership No : 202151

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST :: ANANTHAPURAMU
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL 2020 to 31st MARCH 2021.

EXPENDITURE	SCHEDULE Nos	AMOUNT ₹.	INCOME	SCHEDULE Nos	AMOUNT ₹.
Education for Transformation Programme	SCH - X - A	24,36,66,521.81	Grants & Donations Received :		
Ecology and Sustainable Livelyhood Programme	SCH - X - B	33,35,35,249.87	Foreign Grants & Donations		226,73,57,635.26
Community Health Programme	SCH - X - C	14,90,48,679.81	Foreign Grants - Specific [includes Specific Grants of earlier years to the extent utilized]	SCH - II-A	68,84,631.65
Rural Hospitals Programme	SCH - X - D	61,15,87,480.24	Local Grants - Specific [includes Specific Grants of earlier years to the extent utilized]		2,29,86,467.45
Women Emowerment Programme	SCH - X - E	8,74,04,726.16	Donations		12,97,37,330.31
Habitat Programme	SCH - X - F	51,40,24,465.21			242,69,66,064.67
Disability Inclusive Development Proramme	SCH - X - G	13,62,37,330.72	Other Receipts / Income :		
Partner Relations Programme	SCH - X - H	2,38,67,179.48	Interest	SCH - III	43,87,49,451.96
Area Development Programme	SCH - X - I	20,00,17,165.80	Dividends		65,148.12
Sports for Development Programme	SCH - X - J	1,45,16,982.06	Income on Investments		1,22,07,245.10
Central Offices and Campuses Departments	SCH - X - K	13,62,22,205.32	Other Receipts -Insurance Claims / Other Income		15,11,720.50
Monitoring & Evaluation Department	SCH - X - L	1,11,62,172.40	Hospital Income		21,12,60,837.91
Revenue Expenditure - Charities	SCH - X - M	2,76,81,800.00	Nursing School Income		15,24,105.00
Depreciation	SCH - XIV	11,87,87,146.00	Sale of Scrap		2,73,315.00
			Income from Sports Centre		4,58,421.42
Excess of Income over Expenditure transfer to Balance Sheet	SCH - XVIII	48,60,66,197.80	Income on Sale of Fixed Assets :		
			Income on Sale of Fixed Assets	SCH - IX	8,08,993.00
TOTAL ₹.		309,38,25,302.68	TOTAL ₹.		309,38,25,302.68

Significant accounting Policies and Notes on accounts:	XXI
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As per our report of even date attached for M/S.V.K.MADHAVA RAO & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
Registration No : 001908S



V.M.SUDHAKAR
Proprietor
Membership No : 202151
UDIN : 22202151AAAAAC5591

RURAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST :: ANANTHAPURAMU

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2021.

LIABILITIES	SCHEDULE Nos.	AMOUNT (₹.)	TOTAL AMOUNT (₹.)	ASSETS	SCHEDULE Nos.	AMOUNT (₹.)	TOTAL AMOUNT (₹.)
FUND ACCOUNT :				FIXED ASSETS :	SCH - XIV		
Capital Fund Account		171,43,12,849.56		Fixed Assets			171,43,12,849.56
General Fund Account		58,20,06,828.05	229,63,19,677.61	FIXED DEPOSITS / INVESTMENTS :			
CORPUS FUNDS :				CORPUS :			
Health Corpus Fund Account [For Sustainability of Hospitals]		568,16,83,279.32		Health Corpus Fund Investments		568,16,83,279.32	
Projects Corpus Fund Account [For Sustainability of programs]		128,96,04,829.00		Projects Corpus Fund Investments		128,96,04,829.00	
D.I.D.Institutions Corpus Fund Account [For Sustainability of Disability Schools and Institutions]	SCH - XVIII	10,50,00,000.00	707,62,88,108.32	D.I.D.Institutions Corpus - Investments		10,50,00,000.00	707,62,88,108.32
FUTURE PROGRAM FUND UNDER FORM - 10 :				FUTURE PROGRAM FUND INVESTMENTS FORM-10 :	SCH - XV		
Housing Program Fund		33,00,00,000.00		Housing Program Fund		25,00,00,000.00	
Ecology Program Fund		23,00,00,000.00		Ecology Program Fund		15,00,00,000.00	
Health Program Fund		10,00,00,000.00		Health Program Fund		10,00,00,000.00	50,00,00,000.00
Education Program Fund		8,00,00,000.00	74,00,00,000.00	GENERAL FUND / OTHERS:			
OTHER LIABILITIES (Staff Welfare Fund) :				Other Security Deposits		54,99,138.89	
Gratuity & Welfare		16,98,62,242.16		General Fund Investments		23,58,90,850.89	24,13,89,989.78
Staff Health Benefits		11,49,16,490.52		STAFF WELFARE FUND INVESTMENTS :			
Sub Total :		28,47,78,732.68		Staff Welfare Fund Investments			28,44,36,229.16
OTHER LIABILITIES - EMD. :				ADVANCES - RECEIVABLE :			
Earnest Money Deposit		38,56,991.00		Advances to Suppliers & Others		2,45,69,497.00	
G S T - PAYABLE :				Advances to Staff	SCH - XVI	15,37,844.00	
GST Payment Due to Government [Net]	SCH - XIX	5,45,097.95		TDS receivable from Income Tax Department		9,25,34,445.82	
Other Liabilities :				TCS receivable from Income Tax Department		1,49,205.13	
Other Liabilities		54,364.63		Amount receivable from Government & Institutions		9,50,17,176.00	21,38,08,167.95
OTHER LIABILITIES - RECEIVED IN ADVANCE FROM GOVERNMENT / INSTITUTIONS				GST - INPUT TAX CREDIT :			
Advance from Government & Other Institutions		56,67,540.00	29,49,02,726.26	GST - Input Tax Credit	SCH - XVI-A		3,30,122.40
GST - INPUT TAX CREDIT :				CURRENT ASSETS :	SCH - XVII		2,91,70,718.50
GST - Input Tax Credit	SCH - XVI-B		75,911.04	Unconsumed Hospital purchases			
ADVANCES - PAYABLE : (as per Contra)				ADVANCES - RECEIVABLE : (as per Contra)	SCH - XX		10,32,32,076.00
Advances from Other Programs (as per contra)	SCH - XX		10,32,32,076.00	Advances to Other Programs (as per contra)			
CLOSING BALANCE :				CLOSING BALANCE :			
				Cash	SCH - I	10,70,960.00	
				Bank		22,30,30,527.11	22,41,01,487.11
				Field / Area Offices	SCH - I - A		12,28,75,394.45
				Cheques / Demand Drafts on Hand [at Year End]	SCH - I - B		8,73,356.00
TOTAL : ₹.			1051,08,18,499.23	TOTAL : ₹.			1051,08,18,499.23

Significant accounting Policies and Notes on accounts : XXI
The Schedules referred to above form an Integral part of the financial statements.

As per our report of even date attached for M/S.V.K.MADHAVA RAO & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
Registration No : 001908S



M.SUDHAKAR
 Proprietor
 Membership No : 202151

UDIN : 22202151AAAAAC5591

Rural Development Trust (RDT) is registered under the Indian Registration Act, 1908 and 12A of the Income Tax Act. Donations to RDT are exempt under section 80G of Income Tax Act. RDT is registered under FCRA.

Rural Development Trust
Banglore Road
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 Rural Development Trust RDT

ANNUAL REPORT

(2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21)

Background:

Rural Development Trust (RDT), founded by Mr. Vincent Ferrer and Mrs. Anne Ferrer, as its base in 1969, has completed its five decades of journey in Development in Ananthapuram District by 2019.

During the 1970s, when RDT had initiated its development work, it noticed deplorable conditions of disadvantaged rural communities which never had any hope in their promising future. There were acute poverty conditions coupled with widespread illiteracy resulting in a lack of awareness.

The problem of malnutrition, under nutrition, and gross anemia among mothers and children was severe. There used to be high infant and maternal mortality rates. Rural indebtedness, higher incidence of migration, distress sale of little assets, the prevalence of bonded/contract labour, uncultivable marginal land holdings, and lack of alternate sources of livelihoods were other problems that prevailed at that period. All these resulted in either non-enrollment or dropout before reaching primary level education, early marriages/pregnancies, and high sized families, intensifying poverty.

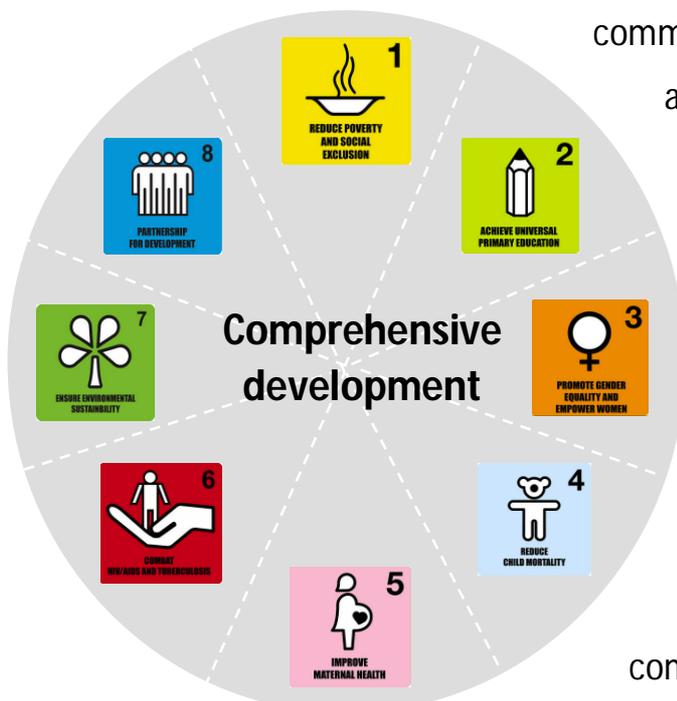
RDT, since its inception aimed at bringing equal opportunities and social justice to the disadvantaged communities viz., Scheduled Castes, Tribes, Backward Communities, Persons with disabilities, and people with HIV/AIDS with an emphasis on women and children in all facets of development overcoming caste, gender, and disability-based discrimination, exploitation,

and oppression and lead a quality life with identity and human dignity ultimately leading to their integrated development and empowerment.

The welfare and integrated programs of development of RDT have reached over 3 million rural communities in 3755 villages comprised of 3572 in Andhra Pradesh and 183 in the Telangana States. Education for Transformation, including art and culture, Women Empowerment, Habitat, Disability Inclusive Development, Community Health, Rural Hospitals, Sport for Development and Ecology, and Sustainable Livelihoods, are the major interventions. It has 2500 trained staff with experience in their respective fields.

Our comprehensive approach: one area, every single right

Working over such a long time in a specific geographical area with distinct communities and with a systematic



approach has made the impact of our

work tangible. The combined effort of all our interventions –in education, health, housing, women’s rights, livelihoods, disabilities, etc.- has helped us tackle poverty and inequality in its diverse manifestations.

Working at individual, family, and community levels ensured that virtuous

circles were generated.

By addressing people’s needs while building awareness of their rights, we have been instrumental in helping them transform their own lives.

Changes in the outside are perhaps the most visible. However, it is the changes within: in increased self-esteem, in the loss of fear, in a new sense of security and ownership over one's life choices, which we consider the most precious, for these are critical to lasting transformations. Finally, our work with those most neglected in society, and particularly women and persons with disabilities, has begun to shift their status within their families and communities.

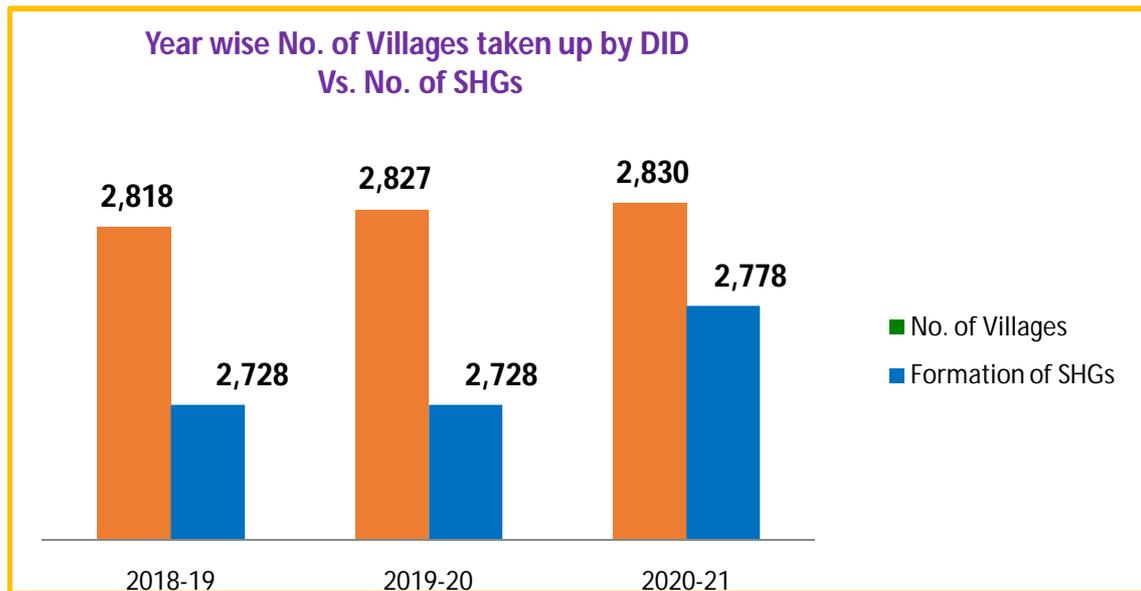
Disability Inclusive Development (DID):

RDT believes that PWDs (People with disabilities) will ascertain their equal rights and opportunities, overcome social stigma and discrimination and lead a quality life with human dignity with the required facilitation and support from Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations like RDT.

RDT aims at achieving them by

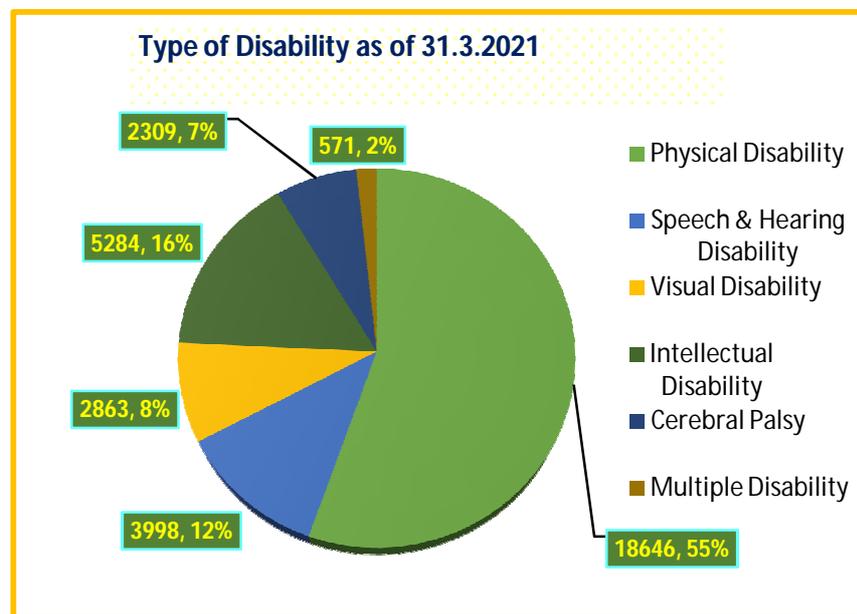
- Empowering disabled people's organizations and self-help groups, particularly in their advocacy and lobbying capacity
- Improving early diagnosis to reduce the prevalence of disabilities
- Ensuring literacy among children with disabilities
- Promoting the rehabilitation of children with cerebral palsy and intellectual disability
- Promoting the social Integration of children through sports and games
- Catering to the basic needs of adults with severe and multiple disabilities
- Ensuring staff skills are in tune with national and international standards of care

An attempt is made to brief the activities of the DID (Disability Inclusive



Development) for the years 2018-19 to 2020-21. The sector has expanded its interventions from 2818 villages in 2018-19 to 2830 by the end of the financial year 2020-21. The number of SHGs in 2018-19 was 2728 against 2778 in 2020-21.

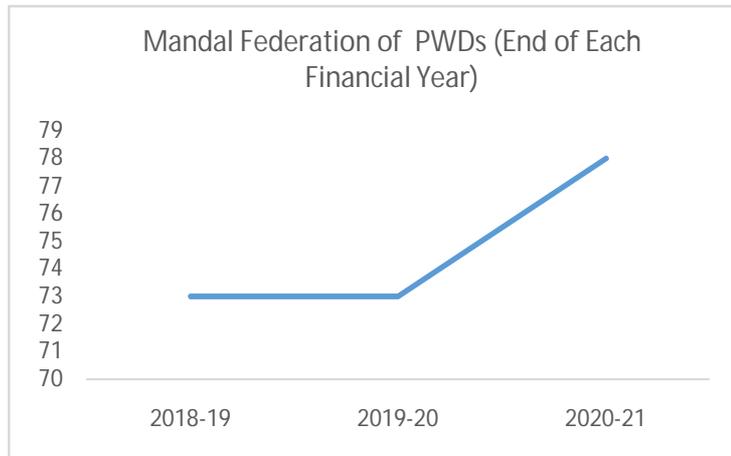
Concerning gender, 40% of members are female against 60% male. Most persons with disabilities are physically challenged (55%), 16% with



intellectual disability, 12% with speech and hearing disability, 8% with a visual disability, 7% with cerebral palsy, and the remaining 2% with multiple disabilities.

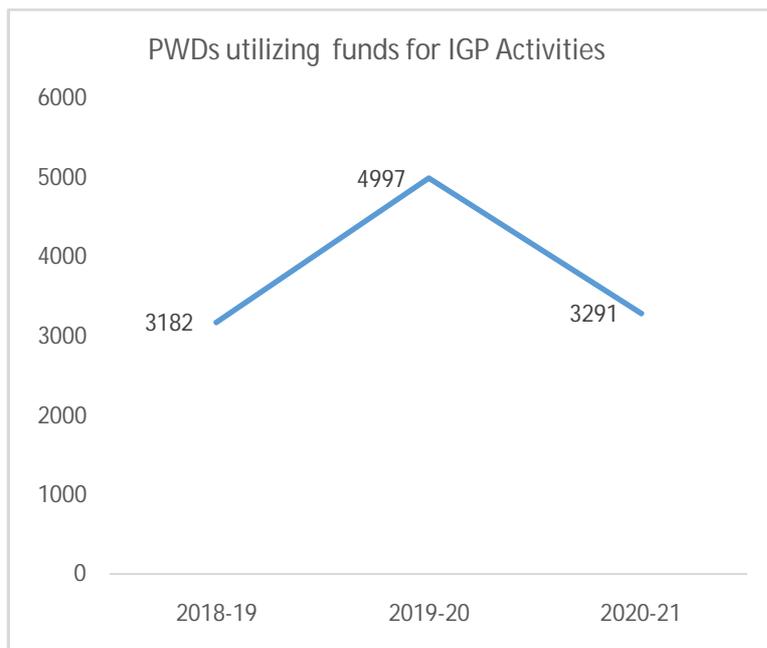
Networking of PWDs:

PWDs are organized into SHGs at the village level, and they are also formed into Mandal Federations. There are 78 Mandal Federations with 1967 members, including 670 females and 1297 males. As shown in the graph, the number of Federations grew from 73 to 78 by 2020-21.



Economic Empowerment:

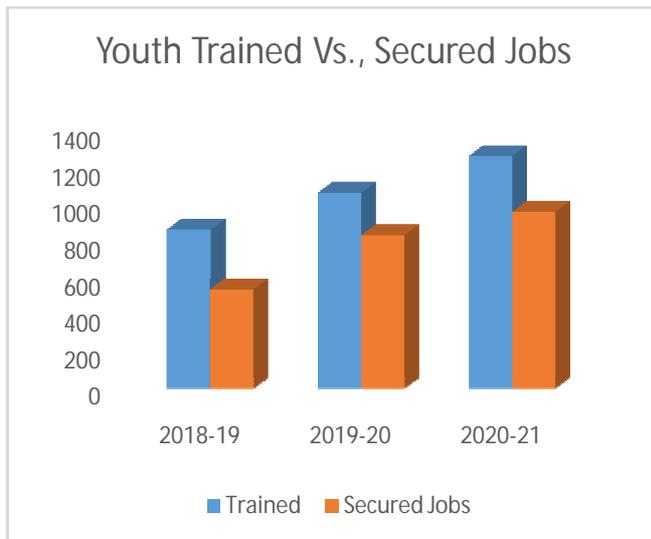
PWDs are facilitated to manage Mini-Bank that runs with their monthly savings independently. They rotate as credit among the members for personal needs or income generation/livelihood activities. 2334 SHGS were running Mini-Bank in 2018-19 against 2557 by the end of March 31, 2021.



The cumulative saving of the members in their Mini-Bank as of 31.3.2021 stands at Rs.33,20,39,816. They are also encouraged to avail of finance from different sources, including disability-inclusive development fund for Income Generation Activities/Schemes. During

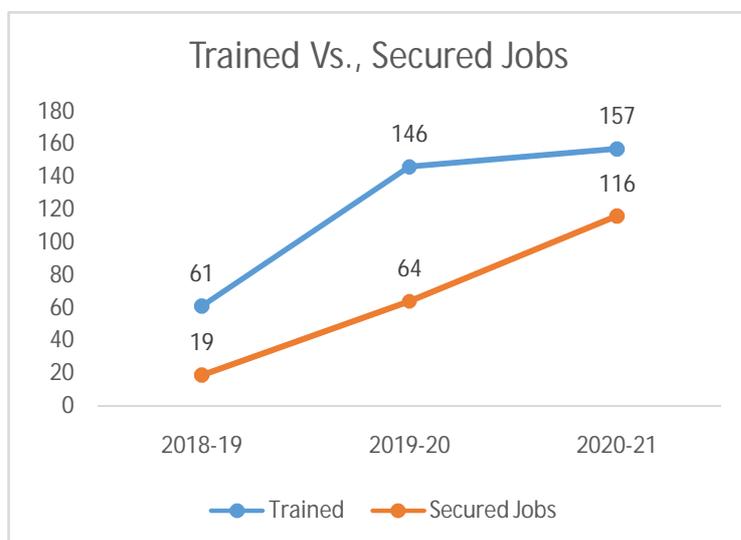
2020-21, 3291 persons undertook various income generating schemes by investing an amount of Rs.10,83,86,500, including institutional loans, loans from the Mini-Bank, and the IGP Fund created by RDT. Most of the investment is for livestock development which includes rearing Milch Cattle, Rams/Sheep, and Goats (Rs.9.56 crores) in 2020-21.

Skills Training:



Providing skills training for youth with disabilities (18-35 years) is one of the important objectives of the sector that aims at upward occupational mobility and consequent improved socio-economic status. 866 youth were trained in 2018-19, followed by 1067 in 2019-20 and 1267 in 2020-

21. The percentage of females was 29.71% in 2018-19, 32% in 209-20, and 33% by 2020-21. There has been an increase in the number of persons trained and a gradual increase in the number of youth who secured jobs. The gender composition also registered a slight increase.

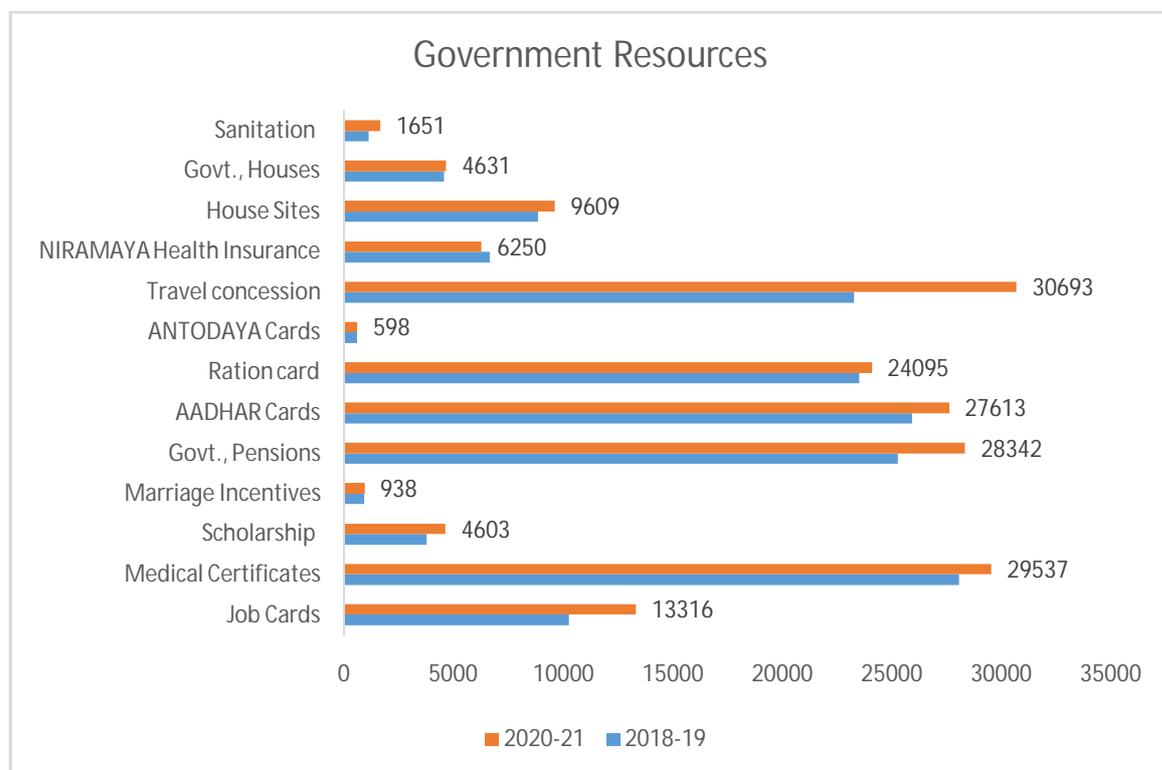


Professional Schools:RDT provides a special preference to educated youth with disabilities in its four professional schools. It includes two schools that provide training in computers and soft skills, while two schools impart

training in foreign languages viz., German, Spanish, and French. 61 educated youth trained in 2018-19, followed by 146 in 2019-20 and 157 in 2020-21. Of them, 19, 64, and 116 youth secured jobs in those years, respectively.

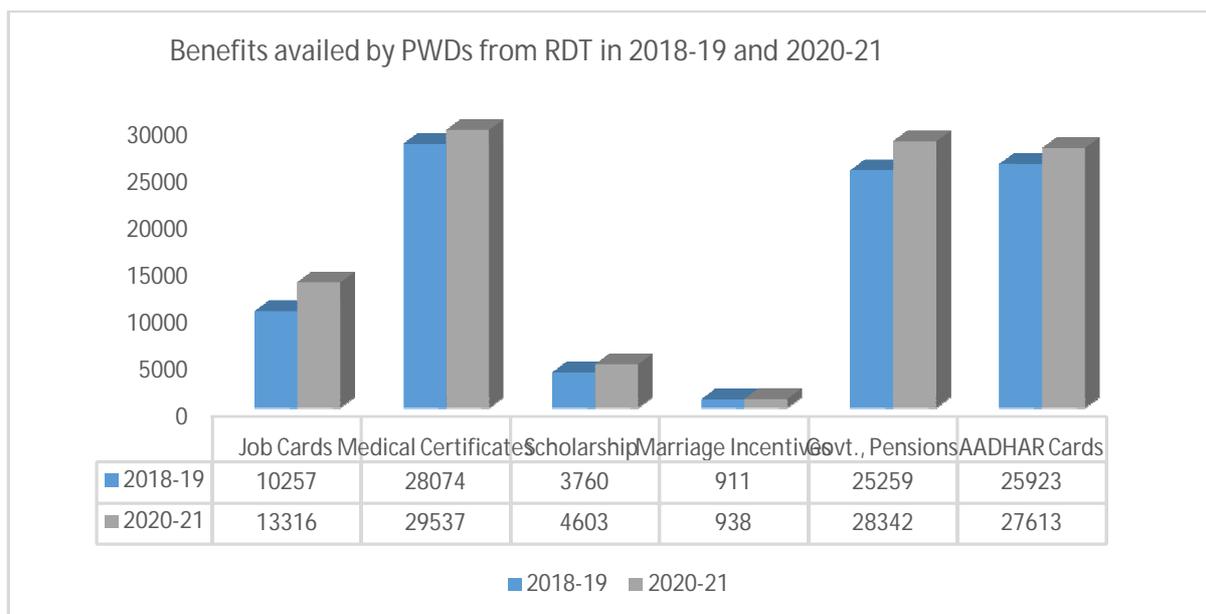
Mobilization of Government Resources:

PWDs are facilitated to identify resources/schemes/services/entitlements intended for their integrated development. Details are furnished below:



Benefits from RDT:

The benefits from RDT include housing, sanitation, referrals to higher institutions, ortho surgeries, education support to deserving children, etc. Details are furnished below:



Access to Special/Inclusive Education:

Children with various disabilities have an equal right to pursue education and enjoy equal opportunities like non-disabled children. However, due to discriminatory attitudes and practices, they are deprived of their fundamental rights. They are neglected and isolated both at the family and society levels. RDT considered the education of children with various disabilities as significant as the education of non-disabled children belonging to target communities.

There are no two opinions on the fact that Education for All (EFA) is based on the fundamental principle that citizens, irrespective of religion, region, community, caste, creed, color, disability & any other narrow considerations should have access to schooling or the opportunity to learn.

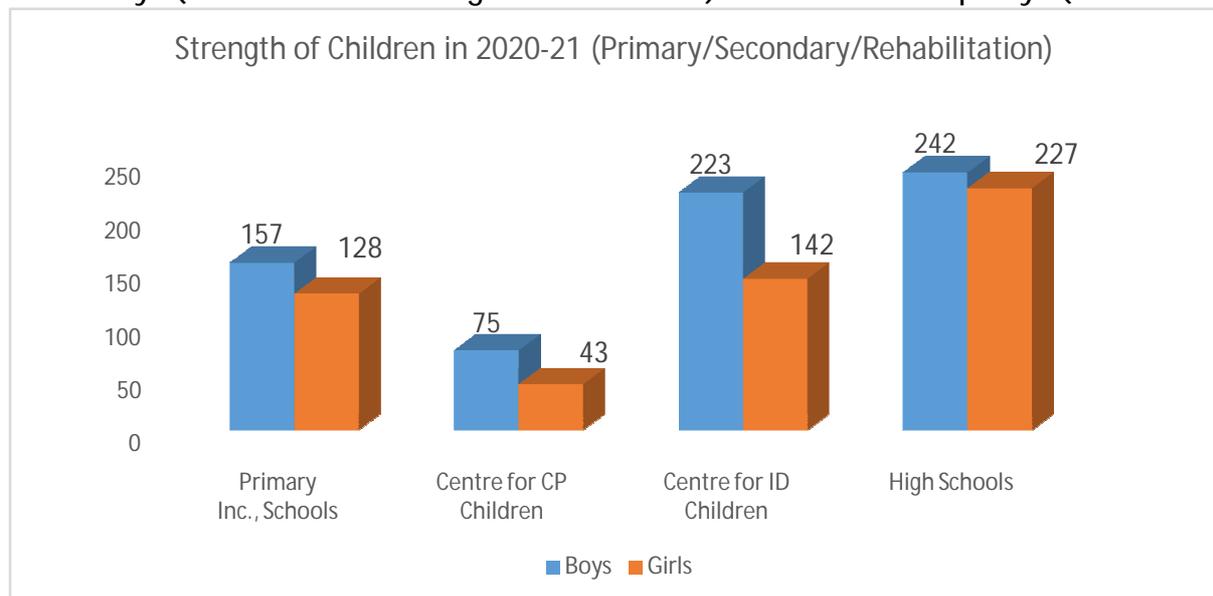
Education holds the key to the development of persons with disabilities. Children with disabilities living in rural areas do not have access to special education since a few special schools are functioning in big cities.

RDT considers education for children with disabilities as necessary as the education of non-disabled children. There is a shift in the emphasis on providing special education for children with disabilities.

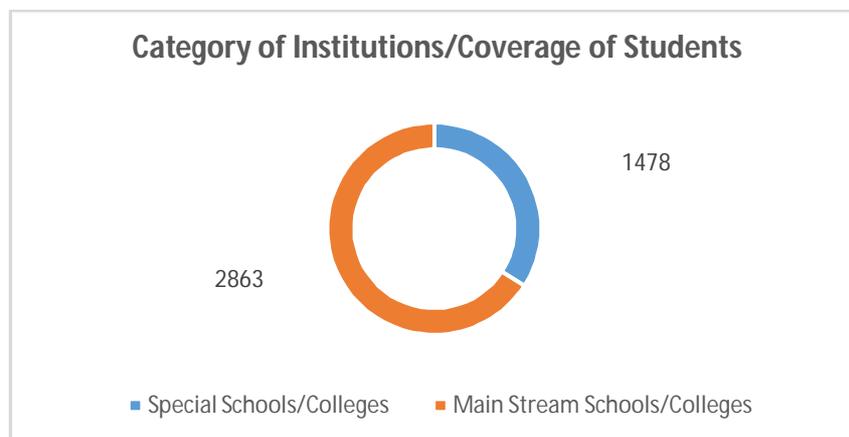
The concept of inclusive education is gaining momentum nowadays because children with disabilities in seclusion will not give scope for their social Integration. Education not leading to social Integration will serve no purpose because both non-disabled and persons with disabilities stay together in society. Each of them has a social responsibility, and they should not only contribute to development but also share the fruits of development on an equal basis.

Inclusive education is the education framework for including children with disabilities. It was initially based on a principle that both disabled & able-bodied should have the opportunity to learn together—inclusive education improves social development and academic outcomes for all learners.

RDT has been running five primary-level inclusive schools covering 285 children comprised of 157 boys and 128 girls. There are exclusive centres providing rehabilitation and therapeutic training to children with intellectual disability (5 centres covering 365 children) and cerebral palsy (3 centres



covering 118 children). In addition, there is an inclusive high school at the outskirts of Ananthapuram and a high school for children with speech & hearing disabilities at BK Samudram. Gender composition against each institution category as of March 31, 2021, is mentioned above.



In addition, RDT is extending support to students pursuing special education both within and outside Ananthapuram and

those in mainstream schools/colleges.

Other Information:

- ⇒ RDT runs 2 Orthotic & Prosthetic Workshops, fabricating artificial limbs and other mobility aids and appliances. In addition, there is a mobile workshop.
- ⇒ RDT adopts community organization and gender approach cut across all its sectoral interventions
- ⇒ PWDs organize International Disabled Day with their financial resources
- ⇒ Conducting awareness/sensitization workshops focusing on leadership, community organization, PWD-Acts, Government Resource Mobilization, and various thematic areas covering different facets of development.
- ⇒ RDT conducts early intervention camps for timely identification of disabilities among children and initiates necessary measures to reduce the intensity of disabilities.

Year wise Brief report of Disability Inclusive Development (DID)

S.No	Details	Year wise details		
		1st April 2018 to 31st March'2019	1st April 2019 to 31st March'2020	1st April 2020 to 31st March'2021
1	No. of Villages taken up Disability inclusive development Sector	2,818	2,827	2,830
	Formation of SHGs for Person with Disabilities (PWDs)	2,728	2,728	2,778
1.1	Having Membership in SHGs			
	Male	19,279	19,992	20,286
	Female	12,864	13,344	13,385
	Total	32,143	33,336	33,671
1.2	Membership Composition by Disability/Gender:			
A	Physical Disability:			
	Male	11,310	11,590	11,740
	Female	6,668	6,913	6,906
	Total	17,978	18,503	18,646
B	Speech & Hearing Disability			
	Male	2,150	2,245	2,293
	Female	1,645	1,695	1,705
	Total	3,795	3,940	3,998
C	Visual Disability			
	Male	1,575	1,611	1,626
	Female	1,201	1,224	1,237
	Total	2,776	2,835	2,863
D	Intellectual Disability			
	Male	2,683	2,824	2,940
	Female	2,243	2,302	2,344
	Total	4,926	5,126	5,284
E	Cerebral Palsy			
	Male	1,255	1,379	1,350
	Female	887	969	959
	Total	2,142	2,348	2,309
F	Multiple Disability:			
	Male	306	343	337
	Female	220	241	234
	Total	526	584	571
G	Total PWDs			
	Male	19,279	19,992	20,286
	Female	12,864	13,344	13,385
	Total	32,143	33,336	33,671

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2	Community wise PWDs Membership			
A	Scheduled Caste- SC			
	Male	3,729	3,894	4,003
	Female	2,752	2,844	2,860
	Total	6,481	6,738	6,863
B	Scheduled Tribes- ST			
	Male	975	979	949
	Female	617	625	603
	Total	1,592	1,604	1,552
C	Backward Castes-BC			
	Male	11,082	11,527	11,777
	Female	7,175	7,506	7,610
	Total	18,257	19,033	19,387
D	Other Castes-OC			
	Male	3,493	3,592	3,557
	Female	2,320	2,369	2,312
	Total	5,813	5,961	5,869
E	Total PWDs			
	Male	19,279	19,992	20,286
	Female	12,864	13,344	13,385
	Total	32,143	33,336	33,671
3	Age-wise category of PWDs			
A	Below 5 years			
	Male	426	463	428
	Female	333	358	319
	Total	759	821	747
B	6-15 Years			
	Male	3,732	4,124	4,262
	Female	2,851	3,110	3,115
	Total	6,583	7,234	7,377
C	16 Years and above			
	Male	15,121	15,405	15,596
	Female	9,680	9,876	9,951
	Total	24,801	25,281	25,547
D	Total PWDs			
	Male	19,279	19,992	20,286
	Female	12,864	13,344	13,385
	Total	32,143	33,336	33,671

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4	Mandal Federations (SAMAKYAS)			
	No.of Mandal Federations formed as on..	73	73	78
	Membership in Federations			
	Male	140	237	1,297
	Female	67	93	670
	Total	207	330	1,967
5	SHG Savings through MINI-Banks			
A	No.of Villages having Mini-Banks	2,248	2,338	2,383
B	No.of SHGs having Mini-Bank	2,334	2,470	2,557
C	No.of PWDs having membership in Mini-Banks	28,252	31,099	31,955
D	Total Savings (Cumulative)	4049,84,850	3066,94,886	3320,39,816
5.1	Break up of Mini-Bank Savings			
A	On Rotation / Circulation among members-Rs.	2305,27,097	1006,87,785	1040,08,542
B	Amount in SB Account-Rs	1555,31,727	1878,52,735	2071,75,725
C	Amount in FD Account-Rs.	189,26,026	181,54,366	208,55,549
	Total	4049,84,850	3066,94,886	3320,39,816
6	Income Generation Program:			
	No., of PWDs Utilized IGP for Livelihoods	3,182	4,997	3,291
6.1	Loan taken from Different Sources			
A	RDT GRANT (Disability development Fund)	135,69,515	307,64,000	196,30,500
B	Mini-Bank (SHGs Savings)	515,16,300	108,39,500	47,81,000
C	Institutions Loans (Banks / Velugu)	118,25,000	782,52,967	839,75,000
	Total	769,10,815	1198,56,467	1083,86,500
6.2	Sustainable activities			
A	LIVESTOCK (Rams/ Sheep/ Goat/ Milch Animals /Bullocks / Piggery)			
	No.of Units (Animals)	6,654	9,247	9,843
	No.of PWDs / Beneficiaries	1,735	2,021	2,442
	Total Investment (Rs)	528,38,782	776,56,950	956,46,150
B	Artisan / Skill Based Activities			
	No., of Units	246	227	291
	No., of PWDs / Beneficiaries	272	211	279
	Total Investment (Rs)	70,18,500	95,98,000	87,09,000
C	Services related IGPs			
	No., of Units	465	641	779
	No., of PWDs / Beneficiaries	466	640	744
	Total Investment (Rs)	114,60,300	168,97,100	197,56,140
D	Business related IGPs			
	No., of units	670	966	898
	No., of PWDs / Beneficiaries	685	876	898
	Total Investment (Rs)	180,20,105	298,64,250	264,58,750

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7	Skills Training and Placements for PWDs (Cumulative)			
7.1	Job oriented skills			
	No.of Youth Trained (Male)	612	722	850
	No.of Youth Trained (Female)	254	345	417
	Total PWDs	866	1,067	1,267
	Placements			
	Male	360	564	648
	Female	179	271	315
	Total PWDs	539	835	963
7.2	Professional Courses for PWDs (Soft Skills & Foreign languages)			
	No.of Stuent (Male) Course completed	31	79	85
	No.of Stuent (Female) Course completed	30	67	72
	Total	61	146	157
	Placements as on			
	Male	10	32	60
	Female	9	32	56
	Total	19	64	116
8	Government Resources			
A	MGNREGS (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme)			
	No. of PWDs Having Job Cards	10257	12395	13316
	No., of PWDs engaged in various works	8,747	9,468	10,364
	No., of working days Utilised by PWDs	30,905	13,963	1,37,300
	Total Amount earned under the Scheme	61,80,977	27,92,556	274,60,056
B	No.of PWDs obtained Medical Certificates	28,074	28,869	29,537
C	No.of PWDs obtained Unique cards			187
D	No.of PWDs received Scholarships	3,760	4,448	4,603
E	No.of PWDs received Marriage Incentives	911	932	938
F	No.of PWDs recived Pensions	25,259	26,253	28,342
G	No.of PWDs having AADHAR Cards	25,923	26,901	27,613
H	No.of PWDs having Ration Cards	23,503	23,740	24,095
I	No.of PWDs having ANTYODAYA Cards	592	592	598
J	No.of PWDs access for Travel Concessions (Bus Pass)	23,280	29,638	30,693
K	No.of PWDs access for Travel Concessions (Train Pass)		2,683	2,827
L	NIRMAYA Health Insurance Scheme			
	No., of PWDs enrolled into the Scheme	6,653	6,653	6,250
	No., of PWDs got reimbursement	920	599	1,889
	Amount reimbursed –Rs.	17,54,393	36,90,345	54,05,066

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M	No.of PWDs got House Sites From GOVT	8,851	9,119	9,609
N	No.of PWDs Having Houses by Govt			
	Male	2,525	2,380	2,530
	Female	2,025	2,207	2,101
	Total benefited PWDs	4,550	4,587	4,631
O	No.of PWDs Having Sanitation by Govt (swachh bharat)			
	Male	423	447	732
	Female	685	723	919
	Total benefited PWDs	1,108	1,170	1,651
9	No.of PWDs Having Houses by RDT			
	Male	2,122	2,213	2,266
	Female	1,349	1,407	1,459
	Total benefited PWDs	3,471	3,620	3,725
9.1	No.of PWDs Having Sanitation by RDT			
	Male	660	684	728
	Female	817	855	919
	Total benefited PWDs	1,477	1,539	1,647
10	Awareness and capacity building workshops (1day)			
	PWDs & Able-bodied / Non-PWDs			
	Male	13,485	11,669	7,055
	Female	10,283	8,470	5,219
	Total	23,768	20,139	12,274
10.1	Awareness and capacity building trainings (More than one day)			
	PWDs & Able-bodied / Non-PWDs			
	Male	3,233	3,744	2,672
	Female	2,265	2,857	1,976
	Total	5,498	6,601	4,648
11	Organised Celebration of Special Days (International Disabled Day, Mental Health Day, Carers Day)			
A	Area Level	8	8	7
B	Mandal Level	43	44	46
C	Village Level	56	-	-
D	Total Participants_PWDs & Able-bodied / Non-PWDs	15,046	15,745	8,607
E	Amount Spent on Special Days (Rs.)	7,44,298	9,45,819	4,21,601
12	Education support to Deserving Children (Children Savings Scheme)			
	Children Covered as on	5770	5958	5845
	Total Amount of Cumulative Savings Grants (Rs.)	737,57,175	779,27,775	780,14,204
13	Early Intervention Program			
	Covered Children	1,619	1,619	539
	No.of children attend for monthly camps	402	402	242

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		1st April 2018 to 31st March'2019	1st April 2019 to 31st March'2020	1st April 2020 to 31st March'2021
14	Higher Education Grants			
A	Physical Disability	355	326	266
B	Speech & Hearing Disability	94	74	82
C	Visual Disability	100	71	105
	Total benefited	549	471	453
15	Health Referrals (Cumulative)			
A	Inside (Local Hospitals)	3,730	4,064	4,267
B	Outside (refer to Higher Institutions)	727	818	857
	Grand Total	4,457	4,882	5,124
16	Surgeries (cumulative)			
A	Ortho Surgeries	2,726	2,899	2,901
B	Harelip and Cleft Palate	303	317	325
C	Other Surgeries	216	281	318
	Surgeries Grand total	3,245	3,497	3,544
17	RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION CENTRES & INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES			
A	Rehabilitation Centre for children with Intellectual Disability located at B.K.Samudram, Uravakonda, Kanekal, Bathalapalli (Including Special Olympics) and Kadiri			
	Boys	223	245	223
	Girls	131	155	142
	Total	354	400	365
B	Rehabilitation Centre for children with Cerebral Palsy located at Bathalapalli, Kuderu and Kanekal			
	Boys	75	91	75
	Girls	54	57	43
	Total	129	148	118
C	Primary Schools for Inclusive Education located at Anantapur, B.K.Samudram, Kadiri, Kuderu, and Kanekal			
	Boys	222	181	157
	Girls	187	160	128
	Total	409	341	285
D	High Schools for Inclusive Education at Ananthapuramu & High School for Hearing Impaired children at B.K.Samudram			
	Boys	242	245	242
	Girls	189	212	227
	Total	431	457	469
18	Children Studying In Special Schools & Mainstream school from primary to Higher and Professional & Technical Education			
	Special schools & colleges	1470	1449	1478
	Mainstream schools & Colleges	2693	2775	2863
	Total Children	4,163	4,224	4,341
