



# ANDREWSPALI CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

Andrewspalli (West), Santiniketan, Birbhum, West Bengal, India, PIN – 731 235



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## **INTRODUCTION**

Andrewspalli Centre for Integrated Development is a registered Non Government Organization incorporated in 1997 with its Headquarter at Andrewspalli (West), Santiniketan, District Birbhum, West Bengal. ACID also has a field office at Jogeshganj under Hingalganj Block of North 24 Parganas, District- West Bengal.

## **BACKGROUND OF THE ORGANIZATION**

A few professionally qualified social workers while working in the surrounding rural areas of Bolpur town, West Bengal observed that although quite a few number of NGOs are functioning, their command area could not cover the downtrodden people living in the interior villages, especially those belonging to underprivileged, backward and tribal communities, to whom even the minimum amenities required for their survival are not available. The aforesaid situation prompted to form a forum to address their burning issues. This led to the formation of Andrewspalli Centre for Integrated Development (ACID). Over the years, ACID has established itself as the leading development organization dedicated to the upliftment of marginalized, tribal and other downtrodden in the adjoining regions of Bolpur and Ilambazar block.

Later the organization had extended its intervention in the poor and vulnerable region of Sundarbans, as result the organization had stated working at AILA affected area of Hingalganj Block under North 24 Paragana District on “Disaster Risk Reduction”, “Humanitarian Response”, “Livelihood Promotion, “Child Education” and “Health Promotional aspects”.

The goal of Andrewspalli Centre for Integrated Development is to cater to the needs of the economically/socially weaker section of rural and urban mass deprived of minimum basic needs of food, clothes and shelter and removed by social system to marginal living. ACID believes in participatory approaches for sustainability of each initiative.

## **VISION AND MISSION**

**Vision:** Our vision is to nourish and empower people by making them self-reliant and self-respectful .The organization has been working marginalized to bring sustainable changes through its various interventions especially in West Bengal, more specifically in FiveGram Panchayats of Hingalganj Block in North 24 Parganas and in Birbhum.

**Mission:** The mission of the organization is to create a self-reliant rural community through participatory approach, work with marginalized communities with a special focus on women and children and conduct various program for marginalized communities on social economic and political influences, which kept them deprived by identifying their own abilities.

## **INTERVENSION**

The organization has been working with marginalized communities to bring sustainable changes through its various interventions especially in West Bengal to create a self-reliant rural community through participatory approach with a special focus on women and children and conduct various programs for marginalized communities on social, economic and political incidences, which kept them deprived by identifying their own abilities.

The organization is intervening in the fields like Social Mobilization, Child Education, Health and Hygiene promotion, Environment Protection, Livelihood, Humanitarian Response and Preparedness.



## SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

As a part of its Social Mobilization initiative, ACID organized community meeting, child club meeting and training, Annual Sports for Children and Youth, Women Foot Ball tournament, Cultural activities, Awareness Rally, Exhibition etc. during the year at Hingalganj Block of North 24 Parganas, BolpurSriniketan and Illambazar Block of Birbhum District.

Sl No.	Name of Event	No.	Issues
1	Community Meeting	30	Health and Hygiene promotion, Child protection, Environment Protection, Various Govt. Schemes
2	Child Club Meeting	60	Child Protection, Environment Protection, Social Action
3	Awareness Rally	12	Child Protection, Environment Protection, Health and Hygiene especially on COVID 19
4	Sports and Games for Youth and Child	2	Climate Change, Global Warming.
5	Cultural Activities	12	Various Important Days and Christ Mass Celebration.



**AWARENESS RALLY ON COVID 19**



**COMMUNITY MEETING**



**AWARENESS RALLY ON CLIMATE CHANGE**



## CHILD EDUCATION

ACID provided Educational Support for the Marginalized Children in Hingalganj Block in a Community Based Approach. The organization has established 7 Activity Centres with 25 teachers including three special teachers (Math, English and Drawing). The children are from seven villages of three Gram Panchayats under Hingalganj Block. The Activity centers run from Monday through Friday every week for 3 hours in each day.

Sl No.	Activity	No. of Activity	No. of Beneficiaries	Remarks / Items given
1	Regular Tuition support to the children	5 days in a week	377	All necessary stationaries being supplied to the centers from the project
2	Providing Uniform Kit	1 (Once in a Year)	327	School uniform, School Bags, Shoes and Socks
3	Providing Educational Materials	4 (once in every quarter)	327	Exercise Books, Pens, pencils, drawing books, colour pencils, Eraser, Sharpener, Scale, Geometry Box etc.
4	Lesion Plans and use of TLM	Every week	327	TLM are provided to the centre
5	Celebration of Important Days	Important days	377 Students, 25 Teachers, 5 Project staff, Parents of the children	Netaji's Birth day, Republic Day, Rabindra Jayanti, Independent Day, Teachers' day, Gandhi Jayanti, Swami Vivekanada's Birth day, Christmas day, etc
6	Taking Regular Mock Test	Every Month	377	On each subject taught in the Centers



**USE OF TLM AT CENTRE**



**PRACTICE OF MEDITATION AT CENTRE**



**DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATION MATERIALS**



**DISTRIBUTION OF X-MASS GIFT**



## HEALTH & HYGIENE PROMOTION

The organization covered Health and Hygiene Awareness and Support for the Marginalized Community in Hingalganj Block in a Community Based Approach. Major activities during the year were quarterly health check up for the sponsored children by a qualified doctor, Community health Camp, Health and hygiene promotion workshop, regular hand wash

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1	Distribution of Hygiene Kit	4 (once in every quarter)	327	Detergent powder, bathing soap, tooth brush, tooth paste, hand wash, shampoo sachet.
2	Providing Nutrition Support	Every Month	327	Masoor dal, Moong dal, Chola dal, Kabuli chola, Gram (chola), soybean, sattu, Mustard oil, Ghee, Ground nut, Raisin, Raisin, Cashew, Dates etc.
3	Health Check-up for the Children and Distribution of Medicine	4 (once in every quarter)	327	Referral of serious patients to Govt Hospitals after primary checkup and Medicines distributed to the children as per the prescription of the Doctor
4	Community Health Camp and Distribution of Medicine	7	2000	Referral of serious patients to Govt Hospitals after primary checkup and Medicines distributed to the patients as per the prescription of the Doctor
5	Awareness on Hygiene Promotion	28 workshop	750	Awareness on Personal Hygiene, general hygiene promotion, Superstition, etc
6	Counseling and Psycho-social services for children and their family members	30	120	Jointly done with specialist from Donor Agency and ACID staff to the needy children and their families



**COMMUNITY HEALTH CAMP**



**QUARTERLY HEALTH CAMP FOR THE CHILD**



**DISTRIBUTION OF NUTRITION PACK**



**DISTRIBUTION SANITARY NAPKIN**

## ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

ACID is doing a lot on the issue of Environment Protection. Through Child Club organized various awareness meeting, rally and, door to door campaign, drawing competition, foot ball tournament and distribution of plants. Protection of mangrove which was planted in the previous year is under taken by ACID during this year. Initiative of Collection of plastic in the plastic bottle is taken in this year.

Sl No.	Activity	No. of Activity	No. of Beneficiaries	Remarks
1	Protection of Mangrove in Sundarbans	2	250 family	Fencing and nursing 2 no of site of mangrove plantation
2	Fruit Plants Distribution	1	327	Distributed of fruit plants to all sponsored child family and Child Club Members.
3	Environmental awareness, training on Climate Change for the children and community	6	500	All child club members are awarded and trained on Climate Change
4	Awareness on climate change	2	700	Community is awarded on less use of electricity and plastic and wastage of water.
5	Collection of plastic, promotion of safe waste management	1	350	We have a target to collect 500 plastic bottle with full of plastic.



**PROTECTION OF MANGROVE**



**DISTRIBUTION OF FRUIT PLANTS**



**AWARENESS RALLY ON SAVE THE TREES**



**COLLECTION OF PLASTIC BY THE CHILD FOR PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT**



## LIVELIHOOD

Livelihood intervention is another core area of the organization. ACID supports the extremely poor and vulnerable households through its various livelihood activities including convergence of government schemes and entitlements. In the year 2019 – 2020, Andrewspalli Centre for Integrated Development had tried to strengthen the existing 21 SHGs consisting of 274 women members and 7 Farmers' groups consisting of 77 marginal farmers in Kalitala, Gobindokati and Jogeshganj Gram Panchayats of Hingalganj block of North 24 Parganas. Those SHGs and Farmers groups were formed and supported through its previous Livelihood projects called Water for Food in the Coastal areas of India. All the SHGs were linked with cluster and they could access Financial benefit through Anonadharaprogramme of Government of West Bengal.



**MEETING OF SHG**



**FARMERS GROUP MEETING**



**PRODUCTION OF VAGITABLE**



**USE OF FARM POND**

The Farmers Groups members were adapted most of the new technologies and good practices increased their productions and earnings. The Farmers continued to practice organic farming that they learnt from the project as they get better price of their produce. The Selling point or Market shed constructed for direct market access for the marginalized farmers through the previous livelihood project continues to function well and the poor and marginalized farmers are getting the benefit of the infrastructure.

In the reporting year ACID supported another 30 Tribal households with various inputs and capacity building activities. The beneficiaries were given following trainings and inputs in the year 2019 – 2020 :

- ❖ Training on Chicken and duck rearing to the beneficiaries.
- ❖ Training on Pig rearing to the beneficiaries.
- ❖ Training on Kitchen gardening to the beneficiaries.
- ❖ Training on Crab cultivation to the beneficiaries.
- ❖ Training on vermin compost to the beneficiaries.



SL NO	INPUTS GIVEN FOR	NO OF BENEFICIARIES
1	Chicken rearing	10
2	Duck rearing	05
3	Pig rearing	05
4	Vermicompost	04
5	Kitchen garden	04
6	Crab Cultivation	02



**POULTRY FARMING BY TRIBAL WOMEN**



**PREPARATION OF VERMICOMPOST**



**USE OF MULTI CROPPING TECHNOLOGY**



**CRAB CULTIVATION BY FARMERS**

## HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE & PREPAREDNESS

The activities in regard to Humanitarian Response and Preparedness, ACID had undertaken the following initiative in the year 2019-2020 at the operation areas especially at Hingalganj Block of North 24 Parganas District-

- Capacity building of children on the concepts and terminology of DRR
- Orientation and activation of Taskforces for Emergency Response, kits distribution
- Coordination with Local Authorities and Gram Panchayats
- Coordination with Govt Multipurpose Shelter Management teams
- Mapping of vulnerable pockets and households in the project areas
- Dissemination of Early Warning messages in the communities
- Preparedness of ACID Team for Humanitarian Response in the event of Disasters such as Cyclone, Floods, Fire,
- Assist Multipurpose Shelter Management Teams, Local Authorities, Gram Panchayats and CBOs in running shelters, distribution of relief materials in the event of disaster



**HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE**



**PRE- MONSOON MEETING ON PREPAREDNESS**



## CONCLUSION

The COVID 19 pandemic started spreading significantly in West Bengal from the month of March of 2020, hence with the government order ACID had officially suspended all its field activities including all 7 Activity Centres but continued to support its beneficiaries and stakeholders virtually. ACID Management had started preparing for COVID 19 Emergency Response in its project areas and maintained coordination with local Authorities and communities.



**SPONSORED CHILDREN ARE NURTURING THE FRUIT PLANT GIVEN BY ACID**

## OUR COLLABORATORS

