

A CREF for rural/urban Lives, Areas and Natural Resources.....



organizations etc. We initiate confirmative action for women's equality, social justice and socio-economic development through developing their convergence, capacity and awakening towards activity necessity, that as to the provision of Constitution and Rights without any discrimination or segregation. For this CREF mobilizes, energizes and strengthens them to make smart moves to the fore through training, information and networking that help them to break all barriers and enable women to re-examine their lives, recognize the sources and structures of power and of their own subordination and action to challenge the existing ideologies.

Environment Protection

One of the main issues or perhaps the first one, the world today facing is of the environmental problems and threats only. The impact of such environmental changes is being experienced rapidly. Since the areas are of Hot Semi-Arid Eco-Region; the state Andhra Pradesh will have/having more such impacts, though it is blessed with natural forest areas with various flora and fauna. But the wayward and discreet activities of people, it is getting degraded and deserted posing grave ecological problems and threat to the bio-diversity. Hence we implement small programmes and conduct various awareness creation programmes in order to improve the natural forest and its health. Also conduct trainings, seminars, studies, rallies, essay writing competition etc. in forest fringe villages, schools, colleges and public places. CREF has well and wide networks with local NGOs and other resource level organizations in this regard.



Ongoing Activities:

- Training Programme on Organic and Sustainable agriculture practices and methods
- Skill Development Trainings on Tailoring, Embroidery and Computer Courses
- Awareness creation and Education Sessions over villages on sanitation and health
- Free-spoken English and Competitive Exam Proficiency trainings and orientation
- Reading Habit promotion and formation of Children and Youth Clubs

AN APPEAL

CREF currently carries out its activities on its own voluntarily supported by its seven-member team from their own professional earnings and so we are constrained financially to go further with the inventive and inevitable programmes/activities beneficial for the operational areas and people that still need a help and support. As we look into the magnitudes of issues and problems needed to be addressed, we are moved in spirit to extend a help. If we do not do so, we believe, it will be an inextinguishable iniquity on us. Hence we request all of you to visit our operational areas, office and to help our activities with your invaluable and magnanimous help in kind, money and service. We also seek your blessings, cooperation, feed backs and suggestions.

THROUGH THE FIELDS.....



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CREF

CREF as a registered voluntary organization came to existence commencing the need of a legal registration just a year back only, but its activities had been started much earlier eighteen years at the forefront. A seven member like-minded friends shared their passion of helping the needy rural lives and thus each of them started their services in their own home states Kerala and Andhra Pradesh (United AP before bifurcation). This very amalgamation and accordance started when they all were in Kerala studying and teaching in a college. Their initiatives were supported by themselves shared from their earnings only. At last in 2000 their passion and voluntary service along with their large fund of core competency of professional life and voluntary service derived from their in-born talent and earnest desire was culminated in establishing "Foundation for Education and Transformation" (CREF).

At CREF we believe that every needy person should have transformation towards positive thinking, self-esteem, better planning, volition and determination in life and in whatever place, occupation, position and way of life. Education, awareness creation and capacity building are the basics towards the same without which nothing is possible. Education is not only the traditional teaching and schooling of children, but it is also meant here the education of all people on whatever they should be learned for their own development, changes and the wisdom they need to have towards the human decency of life and dignity as good citizens. Education brings transformation and reformation paves way for development and empowerment in all realms and also acquires every prospect for dignity, equality and accordance. Towards achievement of this very transformation, CREF is established and stands for!! And also towards accomplishment of this development, there is a need for an initial support. CREF resolutely believes that it will be an effaceable iniquity if we do not lend a hand of support to the needy. Thus so far CREF has carried out few projects and programmes on the areas of Health, Livelihood, Disaster Relief (Tsunami, cyclone victims), Agriculture, Skill Development of Women/Youths, Educational Support, Medical Camps, Drinking Water Supply, Free-English Medium Education to poor rural students, Nutritious support to lactating children & pregnant women, Counseling/medical aid to PLHIVs & other contagious disease-affected people and rehabilitation, Old Age peoples' support, Afforestation, Awareness/Capacity Building Sessions/Seminars/Focused Meetings, Child labour elimination & child welfare activities etc. over rural and slum areas of Andhra Pradesh. CREF also runs Orphan Schools/Rehabilitation Homes over 3 places in Andhra Pradesh, an Old Age/Orphan Children/PLHIV people's rehabilitation Center too. These are being supported by our local churches only.

CREF MISSION

CREF's mission is to exert mutual and collective CREF towards capacitating and transforming the weaker sections of the society through community structures, education and harmony accordingly to make certain their socio-economic-educational-personal-familial-infrastructure development and conservation of natural resources.

CREF VISION

CREF visualizes a world of equality and opportunities, where each person will have equal sharing with human dignity of developed and decent life, san any sort of segregation grounded on caste, colour, creed, gender, religion or any of such boundaries and a balanced environment.

OUR STRATEGIES & BEST PRACTICES

Pertinent and feasible strategies are in behind CREF's success in every work/activity/programme/project it carries out. For, they are premeditated and materialized from its very milieu of prior founding

know-how of the seven member team, its own working experience among the rural population and the very stimulating civic need and demand emerged from its working areas, and so they are condignly practicable for impacting in sustainable and long term solutions and outcomes. The strategies are germane and requisite in for the accomplishment of its objectives come true as designed and visualized that are formatted and inter-connected to its thematic interventions, activities and projects. They are:

- Awareness Creation, Education and Capacity Building
- Advocacy and Networking
- Trainings and Knowledge Developing
- Community Structures, Participation and leadership
- Action Research and Information Dissemination
- Publications and Communicative Measures
- Rights Base and Harmonious Exertion
- Action and Support Services

OUR ONGOING PROGRAMMES

• Education and Child Welfare:

CREF's vision of a world of developed people with all reformed and transferred lives and the balanced environment is possible only through education and awareness creation only. Today's children are tomorrow's citizens, common people, agro-investors, artisans, executers, law-enforcement personnel, business people, legislators and all. Hence children need to be educated with moral values, heritages, national integrity, cultures, Rights, equality and along with a sound knowledge on our universe and resources. Then only they will be good citizens who work for the nation-building with human dignities and decency.



And there are many children who do not have even two pairs of dresses and note books!! And also there are many rural children who are not able to go for schooling due to poverty, illiteracy/ignorance of parents, orphan-hood, migration of parents in search

of jobs/works and many reasons. Such children are often being tortured mentally and get dropped out from schooling. In order to make sure their retention and to hold up education, it is inevitable to support them. Thus in order to help such children, CREF carries out a variety of activities on its own in three states. We also take-up few activities in schools to prioritize the mental and physical development of each child through various recreational, psychological, skills up-gradation, sports and arts enhancement activities/programmes. Few of our Educational support and development initiatives are:



✓ Running three Orphanages and Rehabilitation centers providing free education to the tribal children. Presently more than 250 children both boys and girls getting qualitative

and standard education from pre-schooling to 7th standard

✓ Providing counseling to the girl children of tribal families (Forest fringe villages and forest-dwelling communities). It is because the girl children of tribal families stop schooling after they reach puberty due to ignorance and fear. And the parents also think that education of girls is not



indispensable and therefore they get marry the innocent girls at the tender ages itself. Presently 5 of such centers are being run in the states of Andhra Pradesh.

- ✓ Educational Aid: CREF every year distributes educational kits to poorest of poor children selectively finding the need. The kits include text books, guides, note books, geometry boxes, dresses, plates, small dictionaries etc.
- ✓ CREF also conducts meetings with parents, formation of children-clubs, PTA meetings, advocacy efforts, meetings with line-departments etc.

• Awareness Creation and Information Dissemination:



Awareness creation plays a vital and crucial part in bringing positive changes and transformation in the minds of people and it is the basic and first rung of the development ladder. It is the imperative one bringing success to any development project/activity. Hence at CREF, we give foremost importance for the same. Every

year CREF conducts such activities/programmes on various life-topics and important facts like Rights (National & international aspects), various Acts, Laws, Government Mechanisms, Welfare Schemes/Programmes, Ongoing Programmes, National Integrity, Indigenous Knowledge/Culture, Humanity, Human Values, Equality, Ecology, Agriculture, Ground Water, Health & Hygiene, Plastic Use, Soil erosion, Environment, Sanitation, Forest Resources, Bio-diversity and such other-related and sub-topics too.



• Health Initiatives



The health, hygienic standards of the rural areas are so backward and nutritional deficiency is one of the main issues among lactating children and pregnant women. Hence, CREF conducts various programmes by closely working with Govt. & other institutions through creating proper awareness and providing helping measures. We conduct meetings/seminars, health camps and organize training programmes etc.

We also conduct health service days through linkages with PHC & Health Department. And facilitate in providing nutritious food items to children and women and voluntary blood donation camps too. Our health interventions also focus on pre-neo-post natal care, institutional deliveries, family planning, support for the forest-vested disease-affected NTFP collectors and tribal people too.



• Women Empowerment

WE is also one of our first prioritized areas of operation only. Since they are politically, socially, and financially backward and suffer mentally and physically, CREF conducts various trainings and skills up-gradation programmes in order to impart leadership qualities, management capacity, livelihood opportunities, socio-economic-participatory development. We form Women Self Help Groups and facilitate them to get loans, entrepreneurial help, cottage industries, MACTS savings and revolving funds etc. through linkages with Govt. and other departments, banks,

