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From the President's Desk

Rejuvenate India Movement (RIM) is moving in to its sixth year of catalyzing a mass movement through networking and synergizing efforts with various pioneering Voluntary organisations across the Nation. It gives me immense pleasure to share this Annual Report on the work done by RIM during the financial year 2005 – 06.

RIM's basic philosophy of catalyzing a mass movement through democratic deepening, civil society organisations and harnessing rightful entitlements are well recognised. RIM's approach of Samajshilpi concept to strengthen needs no greater emphasis to achieve the measures highlighted above. RIM has done well in its Samajshilpis programme in the states of Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttaranchal, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka during the year. However, withdrawal of much expected continued support by Ratan Tata Trust did hamper our continuity of efforts in certain states.

The black Sunday on the 24th December 2004 – caused immeasurable loss to the lives, livelihood and infrastructure in various parts of the State of Tamilnadu. While the initial feeling of RIM was to respond to people affected by natural disaster – tsunami, we had several seminal questions at one stage to get in to or not in to project based activities.

This has been effectively answered by the efforts and consolidation of movement related work undertaken by RIM in the coastal regions of Tharangampadi. RIM has taken up Quality education Programme, Livelihood, Disaster management and Community based Disaster preparedness, IT Info solutions and other such activities that would go in line with movement approach. Even in tsunami affected villages, RIM has looked for local potentials and strengthened Community HRD.

While working in the context of tsunami rehabilitation also, RIM reiterated its position of networking, sharing amongst NGOs, transparency and accountability related matters. RIM is closely working with its network Partner - ExNoRa in tsunami hit areas for a project funded by USAID. Similarly, for undertaking micro enterprises and livelihood related work, RIM has formed a network of NGOs involved in Tharangampadi region with SHGs. RIM is part of NCRC, State Relief Commissioner office, TNTRC, Chennai NGO Coordination Council and various other groups that are working on the principles of Collectivism and mutual trust. Another RIM Partner – CYSD assisted RIM in Disaster management related inputs and conducted a National Consultation at Chennai.

Formalising the community panchayat initiatives at Tharangampadi in the form of a trust and involving them fully in the process of planning and implementing activities such as maintenance of fish transport vehicles, construction of community hall, taking up micro enterprises are sincerely in the right direction of empowering tsunami devastated communities.

We are thankful to our donors, RIM Flint Group, individual donors, Plan, BHW Birla, Asha Seattle, Indian Friends Association, National Foundation for India, network Partner organisations, Governments and others who have been encouraging RIM on the merits of our earnestness. We are thankful to various communities who are joining their hands in empowering themselves and thereby enhancing their way of life. Our special thanks are also due to several volunteers who have spared their professional and personal time with the organisation in serving the needy in several pockets and clusters across the Country.

We look forward to a more dedicated and enabling year ahead.

Dr. H. Sudarshan
President.

1 RIM ACTIVITIES STATE WISE

1.1 RIM ANDHRA PRADESH

1.1.1 - AP SAMAJ SHILPI WORK

In Andhra Pradesh Samaj Shilpis are working under the direct guidance of Mr. Madhavarao, RIM AP State Coordinator. RIM is closely networking with Loksatta and Tharangini groups on Voter education, Citizenship rights, anti corruption issues, formation of civil society organisations in the villages and making them to work for their own entitlements. The State Coordinator is providing honorary services and two Shilpis are supported by District Primary Education Progamme (DPEP). Only three shilpis are currently supported from RIM National office through local donations raised by us. One of the Samaj shilpis– P. Rajender has been given Best Youth Award by the District Collector and his also taking up the issues at District level as Youth wing leader of Loksatta.

RIM SAMAJ SHILPI P RAJENDRAN AWARDED BEST YOUTH AWARD BY THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR

RIM AP has been working on the following activities that include farmers welfare programmes and other agriculture related activities such as Creation of irrigation water potential, Organic Manuring, Vermi composting, Support pricing of agricultural products, marketing of agricultural goods and awareness through farmers clubs and meetings.

RIM AP has also worked through SHGs and helped many through meetings, trainings, taking up economic support schemes, introduction of Janatha LIC, accident benefits, Medical claim and Old age pensions.

RIM AP in its efforts to promote Good Governance & Right to Information Act has promoted adoption of time frame in the implementation of programs, RIM AP has also moved to remove official red-tapism through the launch of their Post card campaign and through meetings with heads of Government Departments.

Efforts have also been made to reduce the prevalence of AIDS and Child Marriages. Here awareness spreading campaigns and educative programs were conducted. RIM AP also had a Peoples Programmes Education where innovative schools such as the BCT model is emulated and used.

RIM AP STATE COORDINATOR P MADHAVA RAO ADDRESSING THE YOUTH SAMMELAN HELD AT WARADANNAPET ON 22/1/06

Samajshilpis working in Warangal District

1. **Mr. P. Rajender**
2. **Mr. Rajababu**
3. **Mr. Sambaiah**

1.1.2 - AP FLOOD RELIEF WORK

During the heavy flooding that occurred in AP in November 2005, RIM took up some flood relief activities and at the request of DMO, Kakinada, RIM donated 2 lakhs Paracetamol tablets and provided necessary follow-up for proper distribution of the same. The letter from the District Medical & Health Officer is given below for ready reference.

From:
Dr.SSC.Chakara Rao MBBS.,DA.
Dist.Medical & Health Officer,
East Godavari,
Kakinada.

To
Sri. A.L.Ranga Rajan,
National Co-ordinator,
A1, Monisha Sri Ram Flats,
No.9, Kulathungan Cross Street,
Chitlapakkam,
Chennai - 600064

Rc.No.456/G1/Epid/Stores/2005-06 Dated. -10-2005

Sir,

Sub: Epidemic- East Godavari-Supply of Tab.Paracetamol 500mg - Regarding
Ref :Your Bill No.AO1114, Dated.27-09-2005 of M/s.RELIABLE PHARMA, Chennai.

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I extend my sincere thanks for supply of Tab.Paracetamol 500mg - 2,00,000 Tablets through VRL.Transport, Lr.No.69251277- 10C/B for use in Flood and Cyclon effected areas of East Godavari District.

Yours faithfully

Dist.Medical & Health Officer,
East Godavari, Kakinada.

Copy to the District Collector, East Godavari for favour of information.

1.2 RIM KARNATAKA

1.2.1 – KARNATAKA SAMAJ SHILPI WORK

RIM Karnataka with its 5 Samaj Shilpis have been working towards the following objectives.

- Promoting and Strengthening Self Help Groups
- Promoting youth groups
- Ensuring Rightful Entitlements to individuals
- Information on Government schemes
- Ensuring all children are enrolled to school- working towards 100% retention.

S. No.	Villages	Name of Samaj Shilpi
1	Sindgi village	Ms. Saraswathi
2	Slums of Ramji and Roza(K) in Ward 12	Mr. Mastan Biradar
3	Chittapur	Ms. Bhagyalakshmi
4	Gulbarga town, Slums in Ward 32	Mr. Kamblinath
5		Ms. Shobha Rani

The target group of RIM activities in Karnataka include Child labourers, Dropouts, Women, SC/ST other minority communities, Daily wage earners, Unemployed youth and school going children from 3-6.

The activities completed by the Samaj Shipis in Karnataka include.

- 20 children have been enrolled to primary school
- Free medical checkup had been organized in Sindhagi B village for 200 people.
- Put pressure on the Panchayath to provide 50 street lights in the village
- The SSs involved in pulse polio program and helped the local health worker to achieve 100% coverage.
- Safe abortion method-an awareness program conducted for 50 women in Bablada Village
- Organized Program for 15 pregnant women and explained to them about the prenatal care and Government health facilities.
- Healthy baby show organized in the villages with the help of primary health center.
- With the help of youth, Ambedkar jayanthi celebrated in the village Rs. 500 collected from the Panchayat as part of the program expenses.
- A street play had conducted in both villages on Child marriage and convinced the villages that it is an evil practice
- Organized a Shramadana to clean the village roads and school campus.
- Frequent visit to local government schools with regards to follow up of school children, building rapport with the school teachers and SDMC members.

- Survey conducted for 300 households to asses the basic needs of the people.
- With the help of labor department raids were conducted in several places of the ward and rescued 15 children.
- The children rehabilitated in special camp and followed up, Cases booked against the employers.
- Actively involved in Pulse polio program both in 11th and 12th ward.
- 11 SHGs have formed and following up their progress. Ongoing input and training is being given to them.
- In Ramojinagar, public toilet system was not working. Now because of the constant effort by local youth and the corporator the problem is solved.
- As a part of environment promotion 1000 saplings from the Forest department planted in the ward and requested the residents and shop owners to take care of the plants.
- Rs. 20,000 each loan has been sanctioned to 2 SHGs from Krishna Grameena Bank.
- In Ramojinagar public were using the school campus as latrine yard. This could stop due to Constant awareness and co cooperation of Municipality and the local youth..
- Efforts are made to repair a bore well and improve the public garden near Makka Colony.
- 10 beneficiaries from SHGs selected to get financial aid from IKLAP India Organization for IGP activities.
- Rs. 50,000 sanctioned to a women from a SHG from SC, ST corporation for making footwear
- Workshops were organized in the ward on the issues like girl child education, infanticide, and AIDS.
- Under City corporation program, 3 girls, selected for computer training program.
- 3 more girls selected for gift item production training
- 10 women selected for design flower training program
- Reconstituted the SDMC after long battle with the vested group in Govt. Urdu Medium higher primary school.
- Efforts are on to constitute a Mehaboobnagar area Development committee
- Guidance to the widows and old age people to get pensions
- Working on managing public toilets by the community
- Promoted milk societies with out an deposits to KMF
- 34 SHGs have been promoted and ongoing input to them.
- Bank linkage to 18 SHGS
- Bank linkage for 16 SHGs.
- 10 SHGs have been sanctioned Rs. 25000 each as revolving Fund.
- So far Rs.6,00,000 sanctioned bank loan for the SHGs.
- Compulsory literacy classes in all SHGs (to sign, write their names etc.)
- 12 SHGS trained independently to maintain books of account and reporting

1.2.2 – KARNATAKA SOCIAL WATCH

In September 2005, RIM facilitated Karnataka Social Watch and the programme was launched. The informal network of organisations present agreed to take up social watch initiatives and documenting it in Karnataka. Citizen's Report on Governance and Development 2004 brought out by National Social Watch Coalition which has been released and a core group has been formed. This core group is now working on documenting social watch related issues on education in Karnataka with a small funding. KSW has plans for expansion for which a proposal has already been submitted to Action Aid.

National Social Watch was established to make democracy work especially favouring marginalised people by making them question, seek accountability and actively participate in the various processes of the Government.

The objective of the social watch is to monitor accountability of the government in relation to its commitment to Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) National Development Goals (NDGs) / Common Minimum Programme (CMP) etc. form state level networks and create a data base on development indices. Currently the process is being pioneered in Andhra Pradesh (CWS), Uttar Pradesh (UPVAN), Tamil Nadu (Tamil Nadu – Social Watch), Chattisgarh (Mayaram Surjan Foundation), Bihar and Jharkhand (APVAD), Orissa (Sahabhagi Vikash Abhiyan) and Rajasthan (CECOEDECON)

The achievements of NSWC have been to date

- ✓ The Citizen's report on Governance and Development 2003 and 2004 have been released and well received by both the media and policy makers
- ✓ An extensive research data base for the Secretariat is put in motion
- ✓ The process has been initiated in Chattisgarh, Andhra, Orissa, Bihar, Kerala and Jharkand.
- ✓ Communication materials in English, Hindi and Marathi have been brought out to benefit more people
- ✓ The web site has been redesigned to improve its visibility worldwide, and
- ✓ They have created and encouraged networks of civil society organisations, sensitive parliamentarians, responsible media, policy makers and academicians

The future directions for the National Social Watch include:

- Deepening the process of citizen's monitoring at the grassroots
- Building State Level Social Watch processes with civil society actors and
- Creating multiple fora and platforms for divergent viewpoints

1.3 RIM MADHYA PRADESH

RIM Madhya Pradesh has been working on many excellent projects with Mr. Yogesh Sastri who is currently the State Coordinator for Madhya Pradesh.

Work Area in Madhya Pradesh included 9 villages in Sohagpur Block, Shahdol District (reaching 4000 people) and 1 village in Pushparajgarh block, Annupur district reaching 300 people.

The main issues identified by the Samaj Shilpis are:

- Acute shortage of drinking water
- Low productivity of agriculture farms
- Migration of villagers
- Fast diminishing forest cover
- High rates of erosion e.g. Out of 2500 hectares only 40% is under Kharif cultivation and 2% under Rabbi

The common themes amongst the four Samaj Shilpis have been:

- Soil conservation measures
- Plantation
- Promoting and Strengthening Self Help Groups
- Agriculture: Promoting agri-income generating opportunities among the SHGs. Sustainable agricultural practices: vermin-composting, alternative crops
- Strengthening Forest Committees and Afforestation
- Water conservation: Construction of small ponds, nallas, tanks and drinking water wells
- Suvarna Yogesh is focusing on developing an alternate model of education for the tribal children.

The four Samaj Shilpis are working in MP in Sahadol district on Hariyali Movement for activities such as organisation of village forest committees, implementation of Badi programme, plantation of drum stick plants, preparation of bio manure, plantation of bamboo, erecting small earthen bunds and Agro forestry. The Cooperative movement consists of activities such as capacity building of SHGs, Organisation of Vibhags and Organisation of a Federation. The Learning activities undertaken include Personality realisation camps for children, strengthening learning societies and retaining children who are mostly dropouts at the centre. Natural Resource Management activities undertaken by RIM MP include soil and water conservation, watershed school and agriculture. RIM MP has also networked with like minded individuals and institutes.

One major impact could be revival of natural resources through sustainable watershed concepts (thanks to Watershed Organisation Trust – WOTR, Ahmednagar for their training inputs and techniques), about 2500 hectares in these two panchayats and three villages are gearing to prove that they can serve the communities in the long run.

The second major success is formation and formalization of CBOs in these remote and backward communities in something phenomenal. Though done with government resources, RIM can indeed congratulate the team for this achievement and take a reasonable pride in the same. All the work is monitored, accounted and thoroughly managed by the Watershed committees. The main activities here include Soil conservation, surface water conservation and ground water recharge, Plantation and Fodder.

VILLAGERS OF PAYARI INVOLVED IN SHRAM DAN FOR EXCAVATING THE POND IN WATER SHED AREAS.

As of March 2006, each Watershed committee has received Rs. 22.124 lakhs which means for five watershed committees put together Rs. 110.62 lakhs has been harnessed from the Government thus making the Government system to work.

In nutshell, environmental long term impact, people's own management system and entitlement harnessing can be claimed as the achievements RIM MP team.

The SSs are also taking initiative in helping SHGs in the villages. A training programme was organised with help of a local NGO Gram Vikas Samiti Kathotiya. Almost 30 persons from 10 groups participated where personal pass books were distributed. A regulation system on free grazing is also planned in village Tarang. The Kanji House shall be put in place to restrict the free grazing in the plantation area and the forest protected site. RIM MP has today a total of 30 SHGs with 344 members who have been benefited through its activities.

RIM MP Initiatives is supported by Indian Friends Association headed by Dr. Prithvi in the USA.

RIM MP is working on a concept of developing an alternative formal school for tribal children where various innovative experiments can be implemented. The school is expected to function in the Kalyanpur village, which has been surveyed. The concept called "Prayog" is an experiment in learning and has been developed based on field level observations, and experiences of educationists, philosophers and organizations.

The SS Suvarna Yogesh has started interactions with the locals and the immediate activities will be chalked out with detailed discussions with them. The targeted group will be children of age from 9 years including teenagers and youths who have left schools. The excerpts at the discussions will be used as the blueprint of the activities.

YOGESH SASTRI CONDUCTING LEARNING ACTIVITIES WITH CHILDREN.

Samajshilpis working in Anuppur District

1. **Suvarna Yogesh**
2. **Premnarayan Mishra**
3. **Manisha Matankar**
4. **Yogesh Shastry**

1.4 RIM RAJASTHAN

RIM Rajasthan with its 6 Samaj Shilpis have been working with the mentoring support from Seva Mandir on many activities that broadly fall under Education, Health, Social Issues, Panchayati Raj, Government Schemes, Trainings, Educational Tours, Agriculture, Institution Building and Corruption.

S. No.	Name of Samaj Shilpi	Villages
1	Shri. Bhanwar Singh Rathore	Mantap, Palana khurd
2 3	Shri. Kamalendra Tank / Sankar Lal	Mahuda, Dinkarkiya, Moti Khedi, Choti Khedi
4	Shri. Nathu Singh Kitawat	Bimal, Gadu vada, Vagroda
5	Shri. Himmat Singh Chauhan	Norda, Piproli, Ratava
6	Shri. Fateh Lal Jat	Rodi, Barodi, Varani, Javada, Khemar kheda, Matt chowrgayan

Samaj Shilpis working in Rajasthan have distributed aid in the form of benches, mattresses, uniforms and other equipments to 2 schools of Bhimal Panchayat. Cleanliness programs for children were also conducted in these schools.

The S.S brought a smile to the face of 152 students from 16 schools when they were able to arrange woolen garments for them, through aid generated by Seva Nyas. The procedure followed was making a list of needy students, noting their measurements and sending the details to the trust for further action. After receiving this aid the children were better equipped to combat the harsh weather.

Many B.P.L families residing in 'Vagnada' Hamlet witnessed the miracle of electricity within their homes, when by the efforts of the S.S. three electric poles were installed in their vicinity, to bring it within the range of electrical connectivity. Youth and Women's groups have also been organized in various villages by the efforts of Samaj Shilpis.

The Samaj Shilpis created awareness in the village people for more participation in Gram Sabha meetings. They facilitated Govt. sanctions for various village development schemes, disseminated information on various schemes and benefited the people. The villagers were linked with various Govt schemes, Widow pension schemes, Indira Awas Yojana, Old age pension schemes, Pension to disabled, and antodya scheme, works like puliya construction, hand pump repair, water supply through tankers, credit card for farmers were undertaken. Samaj Shilpis informed the entire voters for participation in Gram Sabha and Panchayat. Also the persons whose names were not there, they got added to the voters list. Encouragement to women participation in Panchayat meetings. Disseminated information regarding voting machine to villagers are some of the activities carried out by the Samaj Shilpis with regard to Panchayati Raj.

A Gram Vikas Committee had been constituted to maintain a tube well installed a year ago through funds raised by the public in Mandap village. But due to excessive rains the machinery suffered damage and seeped underground. Consequently the villagers were confronted with the grave problem of water scarcity for their cattle, which could be only solved when the S.S along with other committee members got the tube well machinery reinstated back at the public well, so that the water tank for animals could be filled.

According to orders issued by the State Government a list was to be prepared of 20 families below poverty line to be given benefit under the 'Antyodaya Ann Yojna'. But in the Panchayat meeting the S.S argued that since many B.P.L families were already enrolled for obtaining benefit under this very scheme, therefore new names be accrued to the list from those extremely poor families who were in dire need of relief and had not been able to get their names included in the list earlier. The decision was unanimously accepted and in the same process the S.S forwarded to the Panchayat Samitee a list of 18 families selected by them after survey and 2 families selected by the Sarpanch for approval. All the 18 families listed by SS were approved whereas the committee did not approve those two names selected by Sarpanch. Later ration cards were issued for the selected members so that they could obtain maximum benefit.

Samaj Shilpis have helped many people to get employment under Drought Relief Works. They have also helped many people such as widows, handicapped, etc to get benefits from Government Schemes. They have also distributed new hybrid varieties of seeds for the farmers and informed them of better methods of cultivation.

The fight against corruption also has taken a step forward in Rajasthan with the Samaj Shilpis who were able to make a Doctor (who demanded money to treat 2 women from Walra) return the 600 rupees he had taken as a bribe.

RIM Rajasthan is supported by AID India and some balance funds from ICA.

SCHOOL CHILDREN BENEFITED THROUGH RIM SAMAJSHILPI INTERVENTIONS IN RAJASTHAN.

1.5 RIM TAMIL NADU

RIM TN has been working with its Samaj Shilpis towards strengthening of Grass Root Governance and Village Panchayats. Samaj Shilpis have been attempting to revive the forum of Gram Sabhas which is usually convened on January 26th, May 1st, August 15th and October 2nd. Every voter in every village is eligible to participate and express opinions on public issues. Gram Sabhas can pass resolution during the course of this meeting. Samaj Shilpis have worked towards making these meetings more in frequency and to make it more substantial in nature, besides making the meetings have a bigger attendance so that every voter and section (e.g. women) is conscious of his rights and takes part in this democratic process.

With regards to facilitation in procuring entitlements particularly relating to Civic amenities, Samaj Shilpis have facilitated the reach of entitlements relating to Health, Sanitation, Public Transportation and others. Special entitlements to marginalised sections are slow and difficult to reach. Samaj Shipis facilitate various members of community like senior citizens, farmers, women to their respective entitlements like old age pensions, ***Farmer Protection Scheme*** and effective working of Public Distribution System (PDS).

The Kanchipuram SSs were deputed to Tharangambadi for tsunami relief work in the initial months since the tsunami struck. All were back to their original places by May 2005 to resume their activities in their respective villages. The old SSs pursued their tasks that they have taken up in the last four years, particularly those related to school functioning, revitalising Panchayat / Gram Sabhas, running SHGs, procuring entitlements for marginalised sections and farmers and reviving water bodies. Apart from these, they engaged themselves in flood relief operations (Tamil Nadu witnessed heavy rains during November, December 2005) and dealing with new developments such as one being witnessed at Kunnavakkam where almost the entire cultivable lands are in the process of being acquired for setting up an industrial centre.

A total of 68 voluntary outfits in the form of 42 Farmers groups, 2 Village Forest Committees, 18 SSA/PTA/Village Education Committees, 5 Drinking water committees and 1 Water and Sanitation Committee involving around 1500 members are being strengthened and promoted. This is to enable the various groups to actively engage themselves in Civic issues and Democratic Processes. Community Based Organisations that have been initiated provide a common platform for members to voice their opinions and conduct meetings. Samaj Shipis in their efforts to strengthen existing Community Based Organisations provide motivation and guidance with regard to tackling community problems that may arise.

Self Help Groups form an important instrument in every conceivable approach to rural development measures. Samaj Shilpis in Tamil Nadu have been maintaining 110 SHGs on 1st April 2005, and during the course of one year SS Latha, Renuka, Murali and Jayaseelan have formed 15 new SHGs in their respective areas.
The fellowship term of 9 Shilpis ended on 31st March, 2006. They are Sahadevan, Jayaseelan, Murali, Narayanaswami, Sadagopan, Muthu, Kanakam Thavasi, Latha and Rajendran.

22 new Samaj Shilpis were selected during October 2005 and put on training. In addition to the experiential training they undergo, 2 residential courses were also organized for them. The

residential training given to the Samaj Shilpis are in two parts. Part I contains the scope, training needs and milestones and landmarks to be crossed by the Samaj Shilpis during the training phase. Part II consists of 4 training modules, which can be carried out in intervals of about 40 days. The first module can be combined with the Orientation event and the last with the Induction event. These modules are based on RIM programme – 2003, but rearranged. The length of the in-service training has been fixed at 120 days with a process of iteration.

Mentoring is critical to realizing the capability of each Samaj Shilpi. It has been a practice in RIM that a candidate is selected as a Samaj Shilpi only after due consultation with the mentor organization. This is because the mentor should have a reasonable confidence in the candidate. We have now requested the mentor organisations to appoint a point person with whom RIM can deal with on matters relating to respective Shilpis. Gandhigram trust has nominated Mr. David Barun Kumar as a Point person and ARCOD, the mentor organization for the Shilpis in Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri Districts has appointed Mr. R V S Manian. For the first time, we had convened a meeting of mentors on the November 16th, 2005 and their role in grooming and capacitating effective working of Samajshilpis. The feedback given by mentors have been duly incorporated in the training modules.

According to new system of training explained above, 22 Samaj Shilpis are currently undergoing training from January 06 and right now they are expected to develop themselves in terms of their knowledge, attitude and skills and thereby able to contribute quantitative and qualitative outputs in future. Each Samajshilpi who is undergoing training is expected to submit a self assessment report according to the mile stones prescribed for the training, work out a three year and one year action plan and strategy and submit community profile for all their operational villages. Through these 22 new shilpis, RIM has expanded its operation to 103 new villages in TN. The details of the SS and their area of operation is given below.

NO	SHILPI NAME	VILLAGES / AREAS PROPOSED TO COVER
1	K.Murugesan	1. Onnapagoundahalli, 2. Makannur 3. Mangapatti
2	G.Ramasami	1. Vepalahalli, 2. Sorakapatti & 3. Nallapanaykahalli
3	T.Ramachandiran	1. Panaikulam, 2. Vadhimarthahalli, 3. Thirumalvadi, 4. Kookittamarthahalli, 5. Nagamarathupallam and 6. Manapallam
4	V.Murugeswari	1. Kadamadai, 2. Kartharpatti, 3. Megalampatti 4. Koiloorankottai
5	K.Murugesan	1. Karungalipatti, 2. Nadupatti, 3. Pandavarkuttai, 4. Dharmathoppu, 5. Kallathipatti, 6. Muthunagar, 7. Egiliriankottai, 8. Mathhipatti.
6	George Stephen	1. Bharathipuram, 2. Appinayakanpatti, 3. MGR Nagar.
7	M.Muthulakshmi	1. Eachampatti, 2. Kurumbapatti & 3. Odaiyandahalli
8	A.Selvi	1. Velkuttai, 2. Avarankuttai, 3. Puliyanoor, 4. SingraraPettai Colony, and 5. Narasampettai Colony
9	S. Chitra	1. Naidupet (Kodaikanal town Ward II, Pallangi)

10	R.Muthumari	1. Poombarai, 2. Manavanoor, 3. Kilanavayal, 4. Kovunji, 5. Poondi
11	Valan Ilavarasan	1. Perumalmalai, 2. Samakadu, 3. Thamaraikulam, 4. Palamalai, 5. Adukam
12	P. Pichairaja	1. Kolinjipatti, 2. Sivalingampatti, 3. Vandiyur, 4.Ramakrishnapuram, 5. Alagapuri, 6. Rajakalpatti, 7. Avarampatti, 8. Palakombai,
13	A. Mariappan	1. Rajadhani, 2. Kilamanjinayakanpatti, 3. Mela-Manjinayakanpatti, 4. Pudupettai, 5. Thoppupatti, 6. Jakkamalpuram, 7. Sundararapuram, 8. Rayavelur, 9. Kannannagar.
14	R. Jayanthi	1. Kadamalaikundu, 2. Myladumparai
15	S. Narmada Devi	1. Rengasamudram, 2. Kurumbapatti, 3. Koilpatti, 4. Nachiyarpuram, 5. Kuruviyamalpuram & 6. Karuttapatti
16	S. Parameswari	1. S.Andakudi, 2. Sathyamurthy Colony-I, 3. Vilathoor, 4. Venthoni, 5. Kumarakudi, 6. Muthuramalingapuram, 7. Venkateswara Colony, 8. Melaikudi
17	P. Sandhya	1. Chidambara Nagar, 2. Rajiv Nagar, 3. Vilvamarathupatti Colony & 4. Panaiyadipatti
18	S. Sermakani	1. Kulasekaranallur, 2. Osanatthu, 3. Pachaiperumalpuram & 4. Sevalpuram
19	M. Sasirekha	1. Melakarandai, 2. Masarpatti, 3. Masilpatti, 4. Ayyanrajanpatti
20	M. D. Prakash	1. Manigandam, 2. Easanaipatti, 3. Mattaiparaipatti & 4. Nagamangalam
21	R. Sekar	1. Vellore city bus terminus, 2. Fort, 3. Collectorate and 4. Hills
22	A. Mohan Doss	1. Karattai, 2. Thalakanikuppam, 3. Devanandal, 4. Settichavadi, 5. Aruvadai, 6. Komadipattu, 7. Kayalmedu & 8. Vangaram
Total	22 SAMAJ SHILPIS	**103 villages + 1 Municipality.**

RIM TN SAMAJ SHILPIS UNDERGO TRAINING.

1.6. RIM WEST BENGAL

The RIM West Bengal Samaj Shilpis, numbering six are working in 6 panchayats in 2 clusters of the Labpur block, Birbhum district. A mentor organization, Institute for Motivating Self Employment, which is a member of RIM provides them support, guidance and training.

Samaj Shilpis are working on micro credit, formation of farmers' associations and women SHGs, federations etc., IMSE is guiding these Shilpis to basically work on human rights perspectives, anti globalization impact and other factors in the villages. RIM WB was assisted by Ratan Tata Trust funds till August 2005 and currently they are without any financial assistance.

The common themes amongst the six Samaj Shilpis have been:

a) River Water management and Effects of Floods
b) Save the Koppai movement
c) Concept of Food Sovereignty
d) Sustainable Agricultural Practices
e) Self-Help Groups

According to Mr. Ashim Datta, RIM Samajshilpi, his work of micro finance, alternative medicine, vermin composting, organic farming, seed bank etc., involving share croppers and landless labourers is one of the priority and felt needs of the area. About 85% are landless and about 158 million are in the verge of becoming landless.

RIM West Bengal's micro finance activities are funded by IMSE through SIDBI's assistance. Tamashi and Biplab Mandol are working in Labpur. There are 40 members in women SHGs and also in Mahila Samity. According to the women, after their involvement in Mahila Samity, torture by men folk has reduced and their voice in the family has increased. While asked about their ambitions and dreams, the women shared that they would like to start a school of their own and supplement the income of women. Cycle repair, vegetable vending, beedi rolling, palm mats, goat rearing, embroidery, fish vending, plastic goods vending, puffed rice making, bamboo products are some of the activities quoted by women to the question to spell out the kind of activities they are involved with.

The Save Kopai River campaign taken up by IMSE to highlight the problem of the river, desilting, encroachments, floods and changing directions of the river etc, is a campaign which was fully funded by local initiatives and people from the respective village invited the team and shared their problem in relation to the river. This has a great potential to build a movement around.

Significant achievements of RIM WEST BENGAL:

The village people are becoming more and more conscious about the problems created due to destructive development policies of the government. The preparation has been made and the Public Hearing on Disastrous Effects of severe flood in river Kopai and Kuin would be organised early next year.

The Civil Society has also become conscious about the miseries of the flood victims due to the faulty irrigation policies of the government. The media advocacy has played significant role to achieve this goal.

The People's committees formed in accordance with the guidelines of the 'Save Kopai-save villages' movement have become self reliant almost in all the 56 villages and mobilised local resources to carry forward the programme.

A lot of enthusiasm has been created among the elected women panchayat functionaries who had participated in the National Consultation on the empowerment of women in Delhi.

The sub-marginal and marginal farmers have come forward to unionise themselves under the banner of IFTOP to raise their voice of protest against the WB-WTO dictated agricultural policies which are ruining their lives and livelihoods.

The Peoples Caravan on Food Sovereignty created a lot of enthusiasm among the peasants particularly among the peasant women to demand all round food sovereignty at all levels.

A good number of village youth have come forward to work voluntarily for Integrated Village Development Programme by joining the team of samaj silpis.

To popularise the rights based approach among vast toiling masses to gain their lawful rights instead of depending on mere charitable programme.

The creation of a conducive climate for promotion of communal harmony among the villagers and to fight back the sinister design of the religious fundamentalist forces.

Enabling the rural women to set up their independent subsistence enterprise and thus to have more say in the decision making processes in family and society.

A large number of village people have been aware about the concept of food sovereignty and expressed their solidarity for furtherance of the cause.

Gram Sansads at village level are gradually getting momentum which has created a conducive climate to achieve the goal of grass roots level democracy.

Alternative health care system such as acupuncture, yoga, naturopathy has to a certain extent become popular particularly among the village mothers and children.
The Barsha Mongal created a lot of enthusiasm among the village people particularly among the village women and raised their awareness about the necessity of tree plantation and protection of trees and thus to promote the harmony between man and nature.

It has been possible to motivate a large number of villagers to adopt organic farming including cultivation of medicinal plants in their own farms.

The Peoples Caravan on Food Sovereignty was a great success and made the people aware about the micro-macro linkages in relation to Food Security.

Women organisation (Mahila Samity) has been activated to a great extent in all the above-mentioned villages.

Village women have played more assertive role to place their demand to establish their rights over common property resources as well as on family property.

A huge number of self-employed women workers have been gainfully self-employed by developing their own economic enterprises.

Social Development programme couples with micro-credit have helped the village women to build politically conscious self-reliant women organisation in the villages.

A large number of women have become aware about the significance of food sovereignty which goes beyond the concept of food security.

S. No.	Villages	Name of Samaj Shilpi
1	Kurunnahar, Galaichandi, Dangal, Pusulia, Bunia	Shri Asim Dutta
2	Indus, Purba Kadipur, Mohutar, Bipratikuri, Dengera Putundi	Shri. Biplab Mondal
3	Gobindopur, Bakul Sarparajpur, Laghata Majhipara, Donaipur, Dhandanga	Shri Debo Prasad Roy
4	Akupur, Motipur, Mahespur,. Surul, Ladda	Shri. Nabakumar Biswas
5	All 20 villages listed above	Dolly Soren
6		Tamashi Sinha

1.7 ALL INDIA RIM SAMAJSHILPI MEET AT BCT:

From August 20th – 25th 2005, an All India RIM SamajShilpi meet was conducted at BCT Haripuram complex in Vishakapattanam District in Andhra Pradesh. The meet had a two fold manifesto wherein the Samaj Shilpis were given training on the BCT concept and explained how the concept can be used for prop up of a movement and how they can spread it in their respective areas. The second aim of the meet was to each State make a presentation of their work and experiences in an attempt to share the experiences and knowledge.

The greatness of the BCT model is perhaps because it involves parents participating in the education of their children. The Samaj Shilpis were explained how they could use the concept and how it could be integrated in the regular work and used as a tool for mass movement.The meet also had field visits to Teruvupalli village where the first experiment with the BCT concept was done. Following this visit was also made to the BCT schools in Chettupalli Village and Gunnempudi village.

Today BCT is involved in running 150 schools, supported by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. NFI has sponsored this event to the tuen of Rs. 2.30 lakhs.

2. RIM TSUNAMI REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES

RIM has been working in Tharangampadi cluster of tsunami affected areas since 28th December 2004, and has been involved in immediate relief, transition and rehabilitation activities. The initial work of RIM involved lots of Volunteers from various walks of life covered relief distribution, assessment of damages, coordination of work with various other NGOs and facilitation through Government departments. RIM has taken up activities that would gel with its objectives of movement building such as quality education programme, livelihood restoration of fishing, non fishing and farm sectors, disaster management, persons with disabilities and IT info solutions related activities. RIM has been ably supported through partnerships by Plan International, Asha Seattle, ExNoRa and BHW Birla.

Plan International has sanctioned a project for two years with a support of Rs 42.03 lakhs for implementation of Rehabilitation in Tsunami affected areas of Tharangambadi to cover 13 villages with a target of 2249 children and 600 women though 30 SHGs. So far we have spent Rs. 12.24 lakhs for the following activities that have been carried out.

REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND MITIGATION DEPARTMENT

From
R. Santhanam, I.A.S.,
Special Commissioner and
Commissioner of Revenue Administration
Chepauk, Chennai-5.

To
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Chitlapakkam, Chennai - 64.

Lr.No.DMR-4/103241/2005 dated: 26.12.2005

Sir,

Sub: Tsunami 2004 – Release of booklet titled "Tiding Over Tsunami" on the relief and rehabilitation activities undertaken by the Government of Tamil Nadu so far in collaboration with various agencies – Sent.

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I am to enclose herewith the first booklet brought out by this Department regarding the steps taken for relief and rehabilitation activities by the Government of Tamil Nadu in the aftermath of tsunami. This booklet was released by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 26.12.2005, the anniversary of tsunami. The Department proposes to bring similar publications detailing the reconstruction activities, the contribution by the various Non-Governmental Organisations, the guidelines and other technical papers relating to tsunami and other relevant issues. As a valuable partner in the effort undertaken by the Government of Tamil Nadu, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the booklet for your information.

Yours sincerely
Sd/. R. Santhanam
State Relief Commissioner

/Forwarded by Order/

Assistant Commissioner (DMR)

2.1. QUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAM, CHILD CARE

RIM is implementing Quality Education program in eight schools surrounding Tharangambadi Taluk with the main aim of improving the learning and reading levels of the children covered in Government or Government aided schools in tsunami affected regions. The following supports are provided.

- School Support Program – We have provided uniform, benches, teaching and learning material, plates and tumblers, Black board and stand, electricity services, school bags, Steel cupboards.

- Learning Level Assessment – We have conducted Learning level assessment for all 8 schools with Mr. Mohan Chandra, Education Specialist. Total number of students who have been assessed for learning levels are 1613. Reading level Assessment has been conducted for 1250 students. We have also identified 577 slow learners in all the schools. For improving the skills of the slow learners we have appointed six para teachers. Convergence with other NGOs and training of the teachers is in progress. A detailed Report on the Quality education aspects has been prepared and shared with the teachers, Government functionaries as well as Plan International.

- Two Mini Camps have been conducted to date. The objective of mini camp is to bring in dropout students with school going children and provide them space and opportunity to mingle with other children. The first camp was in March in Thirikadayur. Children from Veppancherry and Puthupetai (33) attended the camp. Second Mini camp was held partly in Sirkali and Poompuhar. 36 school dropouts from Chinnankudi and Chinnamedu villages attended.

- Day Bridge Centre: This centre was started during February 2006 at Chinnangudi village where we found 97 cases of child labour. At present 17 dropouts are realising the benefits of the Day Bridge Centre. Due to motivation of the Mini Camp we are expecting more drop outs to use day bridge centre in future.

- Child Care Centre: This centre was started in temporary shelter of Erukkatanchery with 23 children. Joyful learning and play way methods are undertaken in the centre. Once in a month medical check up is also undertaken, the follow up is going on. Mothers committee has been formed with 17 members. In order to improve the health and hygiene conditions of mother and children, Mother committee meets once in a month to discuss about the developments of the CCC.

- VEC Meeting – Out of the 8 schools we have revitalised and conducted the meeting in 5 VECs. The development of the students not only rests with the teachers but it is also the responsibility of the community to be involved in the process of school development. Through this VEC meeting we are able to get community interaction and their views for improving the reading and writing skills of the students.

2.2. MICRO ENTERPRISE, LIVELIHOOD, SKILL TRAINING & LAND RECLAMATION

RIM acted on its core competence of networking and took up implementing Micro Enterprises program through the NGOs which are having Self Help groups in the service areas of RIM. We have formed a core committee for effective implementation of this program. The NGO members of this committee are: TREE, WARD, SEED, BJSP, PEDA and OFERR. The committee meets once in a month to review the progress. So far we have distributed financial assistance to Indra Self Help Group at Kumarakudi for a sum of Rs. 90,000 for purchase of Milch Animals for 18 members. We have also identified another 6 SHGs to be funded in the coming months.

RIM, with the assistance of resource persons from Gandhigram Trust, provided short term skill orientation on coir making, papad making, agarbathi making, bathing herbal powder making, candle making to 480 men and women. These trainings were conducted from 22nd April to 10th May 2005 in the RIM service villages. Solid Waste Management related inputs to temporary shelters and villages have also been done in collaboration with ExNoRa.

In Tutocorin District tsunami hit areas, East Coast Research and Development (ECRD), through RIM, has conducted out board engine repair training in two batches from 23rd to 27th September, 2005 for **23** people and out board engine mechanism from 28th September to 2nd October for **20** youth. Again from 5th to 7th October 2005, with resource persons from Central Institute of Fisheries and Natural Education and Training (CIFNET) the training was conducted for **40** youth. Through

Kasturb Mahila Mandal training was conducted for **26** persons on fish powder making and for **25** persons on out board engine repair during October 2005.

On 27th March 2006, Backyard poultry farm training was conducted for **184** members through ExNoRa USAID support. Boat engine mechanism was conducted for **105** members and sea weed training was conducted for **50** members. This training programme covered Tutocorin, Keealvaippar, Tharuvikulam, Pattinamarudhur, Geetha Nagar, Sippikulam and Vayalar areas of tsunami hit coastal villages of Tutocorin and Ramanad districts.

RIM is also involved in revival of fisherfolk native panchayat capacities and assisting them with assets that would enhance their income earning capacities. The first and foremost step was formalising the fisherfolk community panchayat in the form of a trust and thus formalising and legalising their structure.

- Construct a community hall for fisher folk of Tharangambadi
- Supply provision of transport vehicles to fishermen for transportation of fish.
- Alternative Livelihood for fisher folk women.
- Construction of fish drying yards.

RIM has distributed 3 four wheelers (TATA ACE) at the cost of Rs. 7.2 lakhs to the fisher folk trust on the 25th February 2006 and it is being utilised daily by 160 to 200 women. It has also solved the problem of head loading of fish. Fisherfolk Trust has evolved a system of charging a nominal service charge from the users and keeping in bank account. They have also opened a separate account for this activity. RIM is facilitating the process and the community is managing the asset and worked out a system for absorbing recurring expenses on their own.

For construction of community hall, there were several consultations to arrive at a concept design that suits community requirements and aspirations. The blue print and structural engineering designs are ready after a series of discussions with the fisher folks. The foundation stone was laid on the 25th February 06 by Mr. Barun Banerjee, Vice President of BHW BIRLA. The site has been donated in the name of fisherfolk welfare trust. Work is going on at the moment.

Nagapattinam NGO Coordination and Resource Cell (NCRC), as it coordinated all land reclamation activities, has allotted 150 hectres of land affected by tsunami in Maruthampallam and Kallamanallur revenue villages for reclamation. As an initial step we have helped them for

deep ploughing and bunding in 324 acres. We have organised farmers meetings frequently as well. This year we are planning to arrange capacity building, exposure visits and provide training in using Effective Microorganism (EM) and related to vermi-composting to farmers.

2.3. RELIEF

We have surveyed of Persons with Disability in all 13 villages and prepared detailed list of totally 204 PWD. We are preparing a plan of action for proper support. Mr Stephen from Chennai visited the service area and identified the nature of Disabilities and nature of support needed. In this connection he is visiting several training institutions and rehabilitation centres for further follow up.

With the support of NFI, CINI, BWDC and other organisations, RIM had identified 841 families who were left out from relief support and family packages were distributed to them after taking up conflict resolution efforts with fisherfolk communities.

Psycho social counselling through Dr. Raja Selvam, training on various psycho social aspects by NIMHANS in Nagapattinam NGO Coordination cell, training on medical insurance for affected families, cash for work and other activities have been undertaken. RIM's efforts on relief work are narrated in a separate report.

2.4. DISASTER MANAGEMENT

2.4.1. NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

A National Consultation on Disaster Management has been organised by RIM on April 18th and 19th 2005 at Chennai. Various pioneering NGOs like Action Aid, CARE, BHOOMIKA TRUST, BWDC,CONCERN, CYSD, EKTA, EXNORA, IRCDS, GOAL, ISED, OXFAM TRUST and PREPARE among others.

The objective of the National Level Consultation was to

1. To share learning among various stakeholders in order to have a more effective approach to disaster management practices.
2. To review the current policies and practices with regard to the needs of the vulnerable community.

CYSD, a RIM network partner based in Orissa, specializing in disaster management, helped RIM to organize this Consultation on Disaster Management in Chennai in association with the Tamilnadu Government. The key issues discussed in the National Consultation on Disaster Management included:

- GO – NGO Coordination
- Coastal Regulatory Zone issues
- National Calamity Fund and norms of assistance
- Role of Insurance in disaster management
- Role of PRI in Disaster situations

Papers on these key issues have been presented by eminent persons from different organisations across India and many fruitful discussions were held on the topic to render sustained follow-up of issues that came up in the discussions.

The consultation was inaugurated by Sri. R. Santhanam, IAS, Commissioner, Revenue Administration and Relief & Rehabilitation. The National Consultation was successful in eliciting interesting views, opinions and issues with regard to Disaster Management. It gave clarity on various issues that NGOs could address and it brought out the fact that NGOs need more coordination and understanding among themselves. It also brought to the fore various critical interventions that NGOs can take up in addressing the needs of the people affected by disasters. The valediction of the Consultation was addressed by Sri. C.V. Sankar, IAS., Special Officer, Tsunami Relief, Government of Tamilnadu.

2.4.2. COMMUNITY BASED DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

RIM thought of providing services as a Resource Agency to Plan Partners on CBDP. RIM conceptualised its proposals and presented the same to various Plan Partners. Later due to various reasons, this has been given up.

Taking up Community Based Disaster Preparedness in RIM operational villages has been thought of. In the meantime, we realised that the State Government of TN has already formed DM groups in all the villages of Nagapattinam District. Now we are having dialogue with the Project Officer (Disaster Management), Nagapattinam district to strengthen the same set of groups on DM related aspects. This will be further crystallized in the near future.

RIM also has plans to send its staff to CYSD, Orissa for ToT in CBDP so as to use them as trainers in the process of strengthening the government formed groups.

2.5. IT INFO SOLUTIONS

During the tsunami time we had seen that there was a lack of adequate and accurate information with regard to families and children. In order to create a consolidated database of 13 villages which can viewed on a common platform a Village Base Line Data was sought. This will serve many purposes once completed because we will have complete details of all families in the 13 villages. At present we have collected family data of 12 out of the 13 villages and this has been fed into the computer. Also we have collected data for all the 8 schools. Family data consists of number of members, age, occupation, house, details of children, Loss due to tsunami, Gain due to tsunami, Income, caste, religion etc. Mr. Jagadish Damania, a Software consultant from Bangalore besides RIM Jt. Secretary Ms. Sindhu Naik are helping to create the software and consolidation of data. In future this data will be made available to everyone for implementing projects and references

RIM also has plans to connect this database to RIM website so that any one interested in knowing more details about RIM operational villages and programmes can access it online from any where.

2.6. SAMAJSHILPIS & CAPACITY BUILDING IN TSUNAMI HIT AREAS AS A STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Even in the context of tsunami relief and rehabilitation, RIM is interested in building local cadres and capacitating them to deal with long term development needs of tsunami affected families. In this direction, we had 5 Samajshilpis but unfortunately 3 of them left for personal reasons and better employment options. Still most of the RIM staff are from local villages and we earnestly try to strengthen village based SS to get back to RIM movement approach in these villages. Community HRD as a concept for empowering the village communities is something we are involved in.

EXNORA's Partnership with RIM

In the context of tsunami, ExNoRa deserves a special mention as they not only networked with RIM closely but also extended the concept of Samajshilpi to tsunami affected areas. The facilitators of ExNoRa assisted by USAID working with tsunami affected communities are called "Change Makers". 20 Change Makers worked in five tsunami affected districts in terms of providing relief, government and NGO coordination, SWM, Sanitation, short term skill training, tree plantation and livelihood related programmes.

RIM would like to acknowledge and place on record its gratitude to Exnora for assisting RIM with human resources, communication and two wheelers etc.,

Volunteer in spotlight

Dr. R. Shantaram requires a special mention as he came down to India and visited RIM operational villages both in tsunami hit regions and other areas. He was here from Mid of May to August 2005. He visited various areas and contributed positively in working with the Samajshilpis, volunteers and other NGOs in terms of understanding the issues. He has been our supporter since inception and his presence added vigour to our workers and Shilpis. His experiences in India are covered in an article by Exnora's 15th Anniversary Souvenir titled "Prakruthi Vision 2020". RIM is greatly indebted to him and RIM Flint City Group in the US for his services and contributions.

'TN not ready to deal with disasters'

By OUR CORRESPONDENT

Chennai, April 19: NGOs from different parts of the country converged in the city during the last two days to discuss disaster response and long-term risk reduction initiatives. In the wake of the tsunami, the Tamil Nadu government and the NGOs realise that the state is ill equipped to deal with such disasters. Organised by the Rejuvenate India Movement, this consultation was held in partnership with Exnora International, Centre for Youth and Social Development, Voluntary Action Network in India, Ekta, South India Producer Associations and other civil society organisations.

While issues like the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions and other local bodies were discussed, Mr Murray Culshaw from Murray Culshaw Consulting, an NGO from Bangalore, stressed the need for transparency on the part of the voluntary organisations.

"We, in the voluntary sector, tend to be private. Before we point our finger at the government, let us get our house in order first. We have to find mechanisms to be transparent and accountable. We should explain how funds are being spent and how we plan to go about relief measures," he said. "In India, the problem is the absence of a coordinated approach. Several people volunteered to help the tsunami victims. But do we have the capacity to train these volunteers and handle the funds that are flowing in?" he asked.

Mr Raju Rajagopal from Bhoomika Trust, Tamil Nadu, said, "In Nagapattinam, the relief process was very spontaneous. It is necessary to institutionalise relief efforts and this has to be replicated throughout the country."

Classifying disaster management broadly into three sub-heads —resources, governance and collaboration and partnership — the participants discussed the necessity to train youth to help during calamities.A move to include disaster management studies in schools was also suggested.

சமுதாயக்கூடத்துக்கு அடிக்கல்

மினிடோர் சரக்கு வாகனங்களை கொடியசைத்து தொடக்கி வைக்கிறார் பிர்லா நிறுவன உபத்தலைவர் பருண் பானர்ஜி.

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No financial help for those who stay back: Relief officer

Express News Service

Chennai, April 19

GOVERNMENT will not force Tsunami affected fishermen to vacate their original place of residence. C V Shankar, officer on special duty, Relief and Rehabilitation, said this while adding that the government would, however, not provide financial assistance to those who opt to reconstruct their old houses destroyed in the Tsunamis.

He was delivering the valedictory lecture at the National Consultation on Disaster Management organised by NGOs like Rejuvenate India Movement (RIM), CYSD, Exnora, Ekta, NCAS, Prepare, SIPA, VANI and Sarvodaya in the city today. "They can reconstruct their houses by themselves or with the help of NGOs. Government has decided to encourage those who would like to vacate to safer places identified by the government. We would provide financial assistance to them but not to those who want to stay back in the same place," Shankar said.

He said the government would identify locations for the houses. These spots, according to Shankar, would not be too far away from the sea and the fishermen would not hamper their trade possibilities. "Safety from natural disasters like Tsunami is related with the nature of geography. In Nagapattinam, a fishing hamlet, situated hardly 100 metres away from the sea, escaped the fury of the killer waves. But on the other hand, in a neighbouring hamlet, over 2,000 persons died in the Tsunamis," said Shankar, adding that long stretches of sand dunes had saved the first hamlet from the waves.

தமிழகத்தில் சுனாமி பாதிக்கப்பட்ட மீனவர்களுக்கு 1 லட்சம் வீடுகள்

சென்னை, ஏப். 19: தமிழகத்தில் சுனாமியால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட பகுதிகளில் மீனவர்களுக்கு 1 லட்சம் வீடுகள் கட்டும் பணி விரைவில் தொடங்கும் என நிவாரணப் பணிகள் ஆணையர் ஆர். சந்தானம் தெரிவித்தார்.

பேரழிவு மேலாண்மை குறித்து சென்னையில் திங்கள்கிழமை தொடங்கிய பயிலரங்கில் அவர் பேசியதாவது:

தமிழகத்தில் சுனாமியால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட நாகை, குமரி, சென்னை உள்ளிட்ட 11 மாவட்டங்களில் நிவாரணப் பணிகளை மேற்கொள்ள மத்திய அரசு ரூ. 900 கோடியை அனுமதித்தது.

இதில் இதுவரை ரூ. 320 கோடி செலவிடப்பட்டுள்ளது. படகுகளைச் செப்பனிடுதல், முதற்கட்ட நிவாரண உதவிகளுக்காகவும் இந்நிதி செலவிடப்பட்டுள்ளது.

உயிரிழந்தோர் குடும்பத்துக்கு தலா ரூ. 1 லட்சம் வழங்குதல் திட்டத்தின் கீழ் இதுவரை ரூ. 70 கோடி வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

கட்டுமரம் உள்ளிட்ட மீன்பிடிக் கலன்களைச் செப்பனிடுதல் மற்றும் மீன்பிடி வலைகளை வழங்குதல் ஆகியவற்றுக்கு நிவாரண உதவி வழங்கப்படுகிறது.

சுனாமியால் வீடுகளை இழந்த மீனவர்களுக்கு தலா ரூ. 1.50 லட்சம் செலவில் 11 மாவட்டங்களில் 1 லட்சம் வீடுகளைக் கட்டத் திட்டமிடப்பட்டுள்ளது.

சுனாமி, புயல் போன்ற இயற்கைச் சீற்றங்களைத் தாங்கும் வகையில், சென்னை அண்ணா பல்கலைக்கழகம் மற்றும் ஐ.ஐ.டி. நிபுணர்களால் உருவாக்கப்பட்ட வடிவமைப்பின்படி இவ் வீடுகள் கட்டப்படும்.

பயனாளிகள் விரும்பினால் அவர்களுக்கு நிதியுதவி வழங்கப்படும். அல்லது குடிசை மாற்று வாரியம் போன்ற அரசு அமைப்புகளால் வீடுகள் கட்டப்படும். இப் பணிகளை மாவட்ட ஊரக வளர்ச்சி முகமை மூலம் கண்காணிக்க உத்தரவிடப்பட்டுள்ளது.

மீனவர்களுக்கு வீடு கட்டுவதில் தொண்டு நிறுவனங்களுக்கும் வாய்ப்பு அளிக்கப்படும்.

நாகை உள்ளிட்ட சுனாமியால் பாதித்த பகுதிகளில் நிவாரணப் பணிகளில் உள்ளாட்சி அமைப்புகள் தீவிரமாக ஈடுபடுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளன என்றார் சந்தானம்.

இதில் எக்ஸ்னோரா இன்டர்நேஷனல் நிறுவனத் தலைவர் எம்.பி. நிர்மல், பேரழிவு தடுப்பு இயக்கத் தலைவர் ஜெகதானந்தா (ஓரிசா), ஆர்டிக் அமைப்பின் நிர்வாகி கே. லவணன் (ஆந்திரம்), ரிம் தொண்டு நிறுவன தேசிய ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் ஏ.எல். ரெங்கராஜன் உள்ளிட்ட பலர் பங்கேற்றனர்.

"We have given special powers to the respective district collectors to identify the places of rehabilitation according to the geographical specialties," he said. Shankar added that post-Tsunami, the disaster management systems in the country had been made more efficient. But it should be made sure that the speed and efficiency of management systems should be maintained in the future also, he stressed. "The advanced technologies should be used for efficient disaster prevention and management," he said.

Earlier, the consultation discussed about Government and NGO collaboration, need to promote insurance in disaster prone areas, implications of Coastal Zone Regulations and post-Tsunami housing initiatives, apart from other disaster management-related topics.

Vans for tsunami-hit

Porayar: BHW Brila Home Finance, a subsidiary of Deutsche Post Bank, the largest financial services provider of German, has donated load vans for the tsunami-hit women of nearby Tarangamabdi in Nagapatinam district to mitigate the problems of the fisherwomen who carry the fish as head loads to the market. The organisation is also constructing a community hall at Tarangambadi for tsunami survivors. *(PTI)*

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தொண்டு நிறுவனம் சார்பில் கட்டப்பட உள்ள சமுதாய கூடத்திற்கான அடிக்கல் நாட்டு விழா நடந்த போது எடுத்த படம்.

தரங்கம்பாடியில்

மீனவர் நல அறக்கட்டளை தொடக்க விழா

தொண்டு நிறுவனம் சார்பில் நடந்தது

பொறையாறு,மார்ச்.5– தரங்கம்பாடியில் தொண்டு நிறுவனம் சார்பில், மீனவர் நல அறக்கட்டளை தொடக்க விழா நடைபெற்றது.

முப்பெரும் விழா

தரங்கம்பாடியில் கிராம மீனவ பஞ்சாயத்துக்களின் முன்னிலையில், இந்திய புத்துயிர்ப்பு இயக்கம் மற்றும் பி.எச். டபிள்யு பிர்லா தொண்டு நிறுவனம் இணைந்து தரங்கம் பாடி மீனவர் நல அறக்கட்டளை தொடக்க விழா, சமுதாய கூடம் அடிக்கல் நாட்டு விழாமற்றும்மகளிர்மீனவர்களின் தலை சுமை நீக்கும் வகையில் 3 டாடா மினி சரக்கு வாகனம் வழங்கும் விழா ஆகிய முப்பெரும் விழா சிறப்பு பூஜையுடன் தொடங்கியது.

மீனவர் நல அறக்கட்டளை தலைவர் எம். கலியபெருமாள் தலைமை தாங்கினார். பிர்லா நிறுவன உதவி தலைவர் பருன் பானர்ஜி சமுதாய கூடத்திற்கான அடிக்கலை நாட்டினார். பிறகு 3 மினி லோடு வேனும் அறக்கட்டளைக்கு அளிக்கப்பட்டது.

கலந்து கொண்டவர்கள்

இந்திய புத்துயிர்ப்பு இயக்கத்தின் தேசிய ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் ஏ.எல். ரங்கராஜன், தமிழ்நாடு கிளை ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் எஸ்.ஆர். கண்ணன், எம். பாப்பு, கே.எஸ். குமார வேலு சென்னை தலைமை அலுவலக அதிகாரி ஏ.எல். மணி மற்றும் ஹோம் மேன்பவர் தொண்டு நிறுவனங்களை சேர்ந்த சந்திரசேகரன், லலிதா, ஆப்பர் நடேசலிங்கம் (இலங்கை) மற்றும் களப்பணியாளர்கள் பொதுமக்கள் உள்ளட பலர் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

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Barun Banerji, Vice-president of BHW Birla Home Finance handing over load vans to the tsunami-hit fisherwomen of Tarangambai:Express

BHW Birla Home Finance gesture

Nagapattinam,March 5 BHW Birla Home Finance, a subsidiary of Deutsche Postbank, the largest financial service provider of Germany has donated load vans for the tsunami-hit women of Tarangambadi in Nagapattinam district, in an attempt to mitigate the problems of the fisherwomen who carry the fish as head loads to the market.

In a function organised at Tarangambadi by the Rejuvenate India Movement (RIM), an all India network of NGOs, Barun Banerji, Vice President of BHW Birla Home Finance handed over three load vans to the fisherwomen of Tarangambadi.

He also laid the foundation stone for the community hall to be constructed at Tarangambadi.

Rangarajan, representative of RIM said that the organisation had formed mass movements in states like Tamilnadu, Andhrapradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan,Uttaranchal, Madhyapradesh and West Bengal and had been working for deepening democracy, civil society participation, harnessing entitlements and self reliant communities. In the long-term rehabilitation program, RIM works on Quality education program in eight Government schools in this area involving 2279 children with the assistance of Plan International, an organisation that works for poverty-stricken children in various countries.

We have also focussed our attention on replenishing agriculture in tsunami-hit Tarangambadi area, c, he said.•ENS

3. FINANCIAL DETAILS

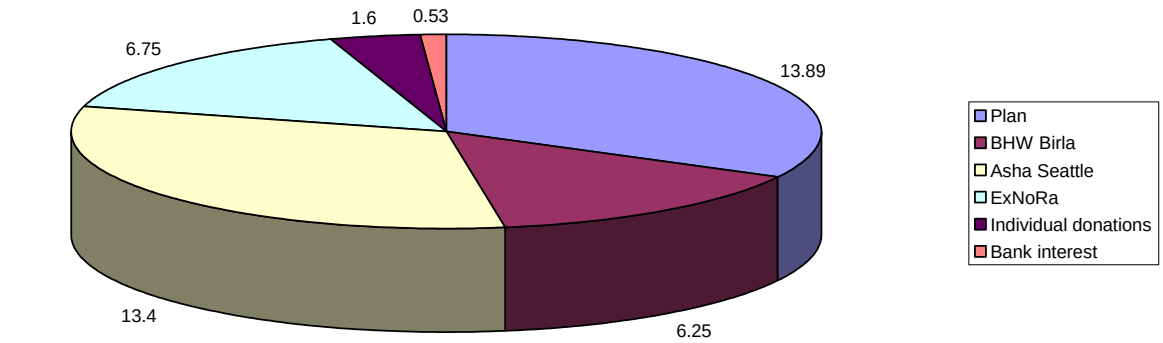
Overall financial Outlay of RIM for the year 2005- 06

(Rs. In Lakhs)

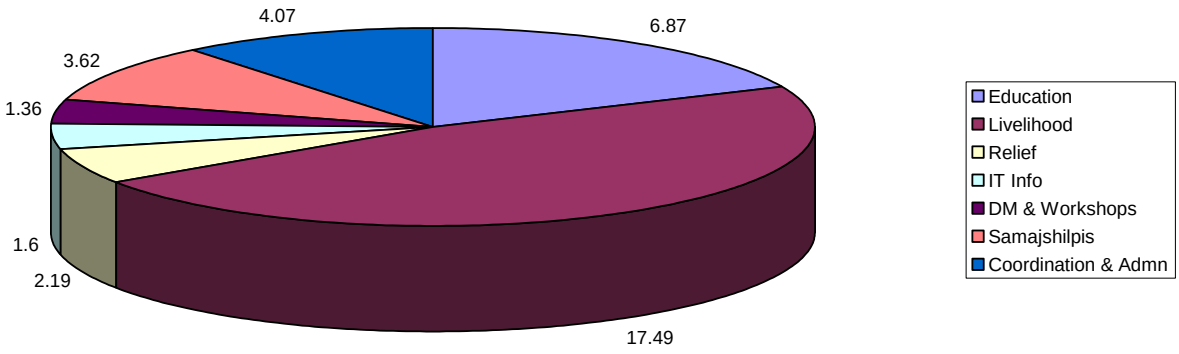
Movement Work		OP. Balance	Funds received	Utilised	Balance
Directly by RIM		1.28	1.59	2.23	0.64
Through Partner NGOs	GDK	4.46	17.32	9.19	12.59
	SM	0.90	1.00	1.90	0
	PSI				
Sub Total		6.64	19.91	13.32	13.23
Tsunami Rehabilitation work	Directly by RIM	14.81	40.58	35.06	20.33
Grand Total		21.45	60.49	48.38	33.56

Pattern of sources and applications	Funds received %	Funds utilised - %
Movement Work	32.91	27.54
Tsunami Rehabilitation work	67.09	72.46
Total	100	100

Grants - 2005-06



Expenditure Pattern: 2005-06



4. FUTURE PLANS

- Expansion of RIM TN operations by another 30 SS (funds assured and received by GDK from RIM Flint Group).
- Continuation of RIM MP initiatives through IFA – 4 SS
- Continuation of RIM AP initiatives through local donations – 3 SS
- Continuation of RIM Uttaranchal initiatives through IFA – 6 SS
- Continuation of RIM Rajasthan initiatives through SM – 6 SS (no funding assurance as of now).
- Karnataka Social Watch Coalition efforts through networking
- Consolidation and completion of RIM Tsunami rehabilitation measures – projects through Plan International, BHW Birla and other unutilised funds (IFA, Asha)
- Future strategies towards Maharashtra, WB, Karnataka have to be decided.