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Social Welfare, Employment and Second Chance Education for the poorest - Reg.nr.: T-523/97

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FIRST TRIMESTRIAL REPORT 2010

Everything is running well at the Centre.

The following projects are going on :

- Free second chance education for drop-outs
- tuition for old students of SISP and for children from BPL families
- social welfare for BPL families (medical, old age, life support, educational, emergencies, ...)
- Micro Credit Unions for woman in the surrounding villages
- literacy classes for woman in the surrounding villages
- handicraft manufacturing (social employment)
- scholarships for higher education for youngsters from BPL families

Specials

Management of the employees of the handicraft units needs a lot of patience as the most of them never worked before and it is not easy to get them used to the rules and requirements of working in a regular job. Day to day attendance on regular hours, informing in case of leave of illness, sitting in their job place during working hours, socializing with colleagues without continuous quarreling , these things seems evident to us but require a lot of adjustment for them and time and time again rules has to be explained in a friendly way, chances have to be given, warnings issued, sometimes sanctions has to be taken. We consider it as “social employment”, it means that we try to prepare them for the regular labor market by guiding them a few years in how real life is outside, how to respect your job, how to behave with colleagues and with superiors, how to keep in order with administration, how to budget their income and expenses ...

Volunteers and staff

We had 10 volunteers the previous months, most from Belgium, others from England, Danmark and Australia. They volunteered as teaching assistants, social work, handicraft units, painting, ...

Salim, who was a popular Hindi teacher for many years, got a government job and left SISP, he was succeeded by Arun Kumar since Jan. 18.

Lissy, an old student of SISP and employed in the paperbag unit took long leave for family reasons. Sherin newly appointed in paperbag had to resign because her mother got a stroke that left her paralyzed and she needs 24/24 hrs. care now.

Hakkimsha, employed in coconut unit, resigned from 01.02 because he found another better paid job.

Since April 1st we have appointed a chief coordinator for the handicraft units. He

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started with small reorganizations and quality improvement of the units.

Social Work

Total beneficiaries:	156
New applications:	51
Total selected:	23
Emergency care:	3
Rejected and stopped:	15
Report writing:	10

Some stories

Name: Monu

Heart patient

Monu is 1 ½ ears old. He is a heart patient. They are a very poor family. They tried so many places for help for the 200.000,- Rs costing operations, but nobody was helping. After they came to SISP. We found a hospital in Ernakulam (6 h. train travel) were they have special schemes for the poorest, with SISP's intervention they were ready to do the operation for less. Now Sisp helped for operation 27.000,- Rs. Now the baby is OK.

Selected File

Name : Nisha
Mentally retarded

They are with 6 in this family, 2 children are mentally handicapped, Nisha and Kunjumone. From the other children one boy is studying. Ther is no income in this family . The father died one year before . They don't have own house and they need monthly more than 900/ Rs medicines. Nisha's mother likes to do any job, but it is impossible because Nisha and Kunjumon needs 24/24 hrs. care, so she has to stay with them.

Rejected File

Name : Rosily

Rosily is a widow, she had six children. Five are married and left the house, only one is not married. All her children's are living near her house . Rosily applied for care

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from Sisp, but she is not eligible for our help because she is APL. She has a house and her son is working, no medical problems .

Micro Credit Unions

SISP helped to start and is guiding 42 micro credit unions (MCU). The total number of women is 599. This year we had no new applications for starting.

8 Groups have applied for loan from SISP this year. Sisp has given 5 groups a loan to start up self employment (shop keeping). These 5 groups are now paying their loan back regularly.

Two groups were rejected a new loan because they get government support. 1 group is on the waitlist.

Specials

Earlier the Muslim women were not allowed of their husbands to go out side their area. But slowly more and more husbands see it as a good opportunity for the families to have an extra income.

The women want sincerely to do self-employment and to have a monthly income. The self-employment gives the women a better self confidence and empowers them. The group members are below poverty line.

Each group has minimum 10 members and the average is 20.

Difficulties

Most of the women can't write and read. So they need help from educated people to do the bookkeeping. The self employment they are doing are very successful.

Several groups have approached the government for self-employment and loan many times, but every time they have been rejected. The groups really want to do the self-employment and take loan for this, so they continue to apply even though they have been rejected many times.

Free Education Centre

Registered children : 88
Average attendance : 65

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New admissions : 10

Dropped out :

We had a wonderful time in sisp during the last four months. Of course all the children were happy with the teaching, sports , crea, dance and other activities and there is a big progress in most of the groups. Most of the children took their studies seriously. And the teachers group moved and mingled with the children very smoothly. Unfortunately we had to say good bye to Mr.Clive the volunteer who had been teaching computer to our children for the last 18 months. The children really miss him. But on the other hand they are happy with the new trainees Miss Nathaly and Ellen (trainees educator Belgium) and with the new volunteers Mr.Cherry and Willem (trainee physical education) who are really caring, loving and friendly with our children.

We were happy with the returning of some of our old students Clinton, Michael, Kumar, Renu But they dropped out again after a few weeks. But still the credit goes to the volunteer Jelle who really works hard for searching, finding and bringing them back to sisp. We were happy that we got 10 new admissions of drop outs in the last four months, only 3 of them dropped out again.

All the six groups go well. They do well in their unit tests and they behave comparatively better and we didn't have any hard time with our children. The A group students were little lazy for the last two months. They had a complaint of less time for study time and more stuff for studying. So we had to motivate them and to find a solution for them .Thus we shifted the A group students to the afternoon for studies and in the morning they train in the units. And now it goes well with the new system.

We had an average of 40 tuition students at the end of the academic year 2009-2010. Most of them prepared well for the annual exam and all of them attended the exam very well. It is vacation for them now and they are with their friends and families.

Our school going students also worked hard for their final exam and most have done well. Two of them attended 10th Government Exam. And one faced the +2. They are waiting for their result. And so are we. They are also enjoying their vacation. Another happy news is that one of our school going student, Salitha, is preparing for entrance for engineering.

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Other sponsored children also performed well. We are really happy with them.

We arranged one Teachers –Parents Meeting and it helped both the parties. Parents were happy with the school activities of sisp. They have lot of expectations: boarding, better education, better job for their children.

Jelle the volunteer continued the surf club at Kovalam with our children. It gets more famous and runs well. More children were interested and regular. And it helps to mold their behavior too.

Mr.Willem and Jelle rented a swimming pool and started to teach some of our children to swim during the sports days. And all of them really do well and among them some can already swim. It is very encouraging and motivating to the children. They are really interested and love to go for swimming than playing under the hot sun. Thus it becomes the best alternative for our children during the hot summer.

Since it is vacation for other school students some of our children also join with them. Thus the attendance comes down. It is usual but still it worries. Our teachers – trainees group do continuous house visits and try their best to bring up the attendance. Since there is no tuition, the teachers get enough time to do their preparations and house visits in the evenings.

We were little bothered whether we'll get any volunteers for teaching computer from August. Fortunately we got a volunteer. But still we have problem with lack of computers. There are more than seventeen children in some groups and they have to share seven computers.

We are looking forward how well our drop out children are going to perform in their Second Term Exam in May 2010. We are especially watching the groups A and B. They have their Government Exam in August. And for those who are planning to join the regular school this year, this exam becomes very important. We hope that we can send at least five children to normal school this year.

S.E.P. (Work units) Prepared by Mohan

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TRIMESTER REPORT PERTAINING TO SEP - PAPER BAG, HANDICRAFTS, COCONUT SHELL UNITS FOR THE MONTH OF 1/2010 TO 4/2010								
Paperbags	Stock at start	New products	Sales	Gift	Damage	Stock at end	Specials	Difficulties
January	38270	3804	7322	0	58	34694	Nothing	Increase on stock and facing problems in sales.
February	34694	3704	5828	0	11	32559	Nothing	Increase on stock and facing problems in sales.
March	32559	3862	2502	0	0	33919	Nothing	Increase on stock and facing problems in sales.
April	33919	3741	328	0	0	37332	Nothing	Increase on stock and facing problems in sales.
TOTAL	37332	15111	15980	0	69	36394	Nothing	Increase on stock and facing problems in sales.

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HANDICRAFTS							Birds bag,cushion cover-patch,advent	Accepted ordered materials could not supply
January	127	273	205	2	1	192	calender,mail organiser,shopping bag,camera	due to less staff.
February	192	120	188	9	0	115	cover,Toilet bag,toursit cap,seasheel ear	Sales reduced due to non availability of stocks
March	115	185	242	12	0	46	rings,glass ear rings.	More demand for paper Roll File, different types mat, patch work shopping bags, purses. 2 more new stitching staffs are required to meet the orders.
April	149	126	42	3	0	230		
TOTAL	230	704	677	26	1	230		
COCONUT SHELL								
January	707	109	18	2	4	792	New production ear rings, bracelet, chain ring	No.
February	792	139	308	5	9	609		
Maarch	609	112	48	4	5	666		
April	666	56	109	1	5	607		
TOTAL	607	416	483	12	23	607		
							Submitted by Mohan as on 28-4-2010.	

Finances

We opened a second account for SISP on 01.07.10, a current account, as we were only working with our saving account in the past.
This account shows a balance of 527.799,- Rs on 31.03.10
Saving account on 01.01.2010 : 1.595.645,- and shows on 31.03.10 : 398.857,- Rs.
Total funds received : 1.997.359,- Rs. excl. small gifts (others).

EXPENSES and INCOME LAST THREE MONTHS (JAN-,FEB & MAR-2010)			
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			Extra
Salaries		441,925.00	
P.F	pending contributions for pension	785,541.00	out of monthly budget
Staff advance		13,000.00	
staff welfare		16,918.00	
Expenses Allowance		58,110.00	
Students project	educ.materials	18,629.00	
	Student's welfare	4,455.00	
	Advance allowance	500.00	
	scholarships	68,978.00	
	dance acadamy	6,850.00	
	medical care stud.	15,379.00	
Rent		42,000.00	
Beneficiaries	M.C.	30,100.00	
	O.A.C.	26,300.00	
	E.C	141,224.00	
	L.S.	22,850.00	
	F.P.	56,000.00	
	Emergency care	97,299.00	
	Beneficiary welfare	10,145.00	
Outside schools	A.R.R.	20,119.00	
	Vazhamuttam & Venganoor	3,694.00	
	T.M.P & Bethel	26,183.00	
Telephone		7,708.00	
Electricity		15,908.00	
Stationnery	printing	1,199.00	
	postage	115.00	
Construction		13,108.00	
Office		26,610.00	
	Bore well	42,000.00	
	Furniture	19,000.00	
	Computer	10,000.00	
Employment Units	Handicrafts	15,788.00	
	Paperbags	36,079.00	
	Stitching	8,600.50	
Food and Beverages		293,537.00	incl. completing kitchen works, out of

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Cash withdrawel	Bank Saving A/C	2,124,158.00	
Cash withdrawel	Bank Current A/C	1,087,201.00	
Advance repay staff	-	6,450.00	
Allowance repay	-	3,720.00	
Dance acadamy	-	6,000.00	
Donation others	-	83,079.00	
Scooter rent	-	280.00	
Bank interest	-	14,469.00	
Bus for rent	-	14,010.00	
total		5,482,282.25	

Paul Van Gelder
Manag. Dir.
Kovalam, April 30, 2010