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MISSION GAGILLAPUR



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List of Abbreviations

1	APMAS/MAS	Andhra Pradesh MahilaAbhivruddhi Society / MahilaAbhivruddhi Society
2	ANM	Auxiliary Nurse Midwife
3	AWW	Anganwadi Workers
4	ASHA	Accredited Social Health Activist
5	CMRC	Community Managed Resource Centre
6	CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
7	FC	Functional Committee
8	FP	Finance Partner
9	GGP	Gagillapur
10	GP	Gram Panchayat
11	GS	Gram Sabha
12	IHHL	Individual Household Latrine
13	MGP	Mission Gagillapur
14	MPDO	MandalParishad Development Officer
15	MPTC	MandalParishad Territorial Constituency
16	NGO	Non-governmental organisation
17	OBC	Other Backward Caste
18	PM	Project Manager
19	PO	Project Officer
20	PS / EO	Panchayat Secretary/ Executive Officer
21	RO	Reverse Osmosis
22	RTE	Right to Education
23	SMC	School Management Committee
24	SC	Scheduled Caste
25	SH	Shakti Hormann
26	SHG	Self Help Goups
27	ST	Scheduled Tribe
28	VDC	Village Development Committee
29	VMF	VandeMataram Foundation
30	VO	Village Organization
31	WB	World Bank
32	ZPHS	ZilaParishad High School

A. Quick Overview of Mission Gagillapur

Mission Gagillapur was conceptualized in January 2016 with the partnership of HörmannKG and MahilaAbhivruddhi Society (MAS), with the vision to transform the village of Gagillapur, in Rangareddy District, into a model village, within five years, within the bigger umbrella of GramaJyothi scheme.

An in-depth study was conducted by MAS in August 2015, which formed the foundation for the detailed proposal (in January) which was shared & the feedback received from Hormann KG was incorporated.

The proposal contained five strategic interventions to address the development gaps identified as short term, medium term and long term needs, as follows:

- 1. Institutionalize community driven development process
- 2. Poor & marginalized access to government schemes
- 3. Improved Quality Education
- 4. Placement linked skill development & career guidance
- 5. Address Development Gaps through Community-Led Approach (Health, Hygiene, Ground Water Pollution, Garbage Disposal, Water Scarcity)

These were to be facilitated by a community driven development process, with MAS facilitating the transformation.

B. Key Achievements

MAS began the strategic interventions with the cooperation of District Administration and Hörmann KG since January, 2016.

Since its inception, Mission Gagillapur has been a dynamic process, with its own set of challenges & dilemmas. Nevertheless, considerable progress has been made. A number of activities were conducted with the help of the community, such as, the formation of the Village Development Committee and five Functional Committees in Gagillapur, forming a Leadership for the VDC, conducting an exposure trip for the Committee to the model village of Gangadevipally, repairing &ensuring the functioning of the RO water plant for safe drinking water and establishing a direct water connection with the Gram Panchayat Borewell, providing trainings to & conducting audits for the SHGs in the village through CRPs from Kamareddy cluster, conducting an exposure visit for SHGs to Kamareddy on Sector Own Control, set up a Community Managed Resource Centre, distribution of school bags & shoes in all the government schools of Gagillapur, Provision of 35 school benches in Primary school, celebrating Independence Day & Children's Day in the High school & Primary school, conducted a baseline survey and identified the individual & household level entitlements that are to be saturated in the village, conducting two health camps in collaboration with Mallareddy Hospital, taking up wall writings on a number of key issues (sanitation, education, hygiene etc.), conducting a skill development drive & identifying job opportunities for the youth of the village, forming 4 livelihood groups for women and organizing a cleanliness awareness drive- Swacch Gagillapur.

C. <u>Lessons Learnt & Challenges</u>

Mission Gagillapur is not without its share of challenges in all its levels of operation. The challenges faced are as follows:

- i. Operational issues of RO Water Plant: The RO water Plant, without a free source of raw water, has been facing operational issues, with low productivity & unpaid electricity bills carried forward before Mission Gagillapur commenced.
- ii. *Illegal land rights in 214*: Not all the residents of 214 Gagillapur have legal land entitlements, which made it difficult for MAS to conduct developmental activities in that land. With no new "patthas" (land entitlements) being given out by the Government, the initiation of any activities for the benefit of the residents poses to be a problem.
- iii. Less community participation: The community needs constant motivation and orientations to take initiatives in Gagillapur.
- iv. Lack of support from Gram Panchayat: The Gram Panchayat often feels that VDC might overpower them as a separate entity, and hence support from their side is difficult to achieve.
- v. *Proximity issues within the village from one habitation to another:* The village being spread out & consisting of five different hamlets, pose difficulties in community group participation.
- vi. Community expectations are more inclined towards infrastructural activities (such as drinking water, drainages & roads): The expectations of the Community are different from the priority plans in the first year of Mission Gagillapur.
- vii. *High rates of Migration:* Due to high migration rates, the list of beneficiaries who can be assisted with availing schemes needs to be cross-checked at intervals to be able to arrive at a final list of beneficiaries.

Nevertheless, the team has been moving ahead with the community on a number of fronts.

With these developmental activities providing a community led impetus to Mission Gagillapur, a number of short term & long term strategic interventions have been planned for the village.

These are to be conducted keeping in mind the broader picture of sustainably developing Gagillapur as a model village through a community led approach, which also keeps it in tune with the overall model village characteristics being followed in India.

A. Progress made in September, 2016

1. Institutionalize community driven development process

1.1. Strengthen Gram Sabha, Village Development Committee & Functional Committees:

The sixth VDC Meeting was held at the newly leased CMRC Office of MAS at Church Gagillapur on 3rd September, along with the VDC One Day Orientation. A quorum of 18 VDC members had participated in the Orientation, which was facilitated by the CEO of MAS (CS Reddy) and Rajamouli, VDC Chairman & Ex-Sarpanch of Gangadevipally.

Discussions were held on the following topics:

- i. Visualizations of model villages.
- ii. How model village is defined & perceived.
- iii. Suggestions were made by the community to MAS to maintain RO water plant without any monetary loss.
- iv. Rajamouli facilitated the session on the importance of the Sub committees for the village development.
- v. The challenges faced in the transformation of Gangadevipally into a model village were shared. One of the challenges discussed was addiction to toddy (locally



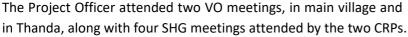
- brewed alcohol), which has been banned completely.
- vi. The Sanitation Committee ensured the construction & usage of toilets in all the households.
- vii. Suggestions were made to have one Voluntary leader every 10 families, who will be responsible for utilization of water, access to schemes etc. The leaders will hold meetings once in a month to discuss development issues & resolving these problems. The key to achieving holistic development is voluntary leadership.

1.2. Promote and strengthen Community Resource Centre:

The CMRC Building was equipped with two Community Resource Persons, who were identified, oriented by Project Manager on their roles & responsibilities, and placed in the CMRC. The internet facility for the CMRC has been setup as well.

1.3. Strengthen SHGs, VOs & Youth Clubs:

In order to upgrade SHGs from B & C grade to the A-grade, an exposure visit to KamareddyParyavekshanaSamakhya (in Nizamabad District) was conducted on 29th September, with 15 SHG leaders from Thanda, Main village, Church Gagillapur and Rajivgandhinagar. The objective was to expose the SHGs from Gagillapur to Sector Own Control.





2. Poor & Marginalized Access to Government Schemes

2.1. Baseline Survey:

The baseline Survey was completed in all habitations of the village and data was collected for 811 Households. The gaps in the baseline survey were checked & filled by the CRPs.

The data was given for data entry & analysis.

2.2. IHHL Payments:

The first phase of SBM payment of 6000 INR has been made to an additional 7 ISL beneficiaries. The MAS team visited the Households to motivate them to complete the construction to avail the second phase of payments.

3. Improved Quality Education

3.1. Training Program at VandeMataram Foundation:

On 18th September, six students (from Class 7,8,9&10) and three teachers from High School visited Vandemataram foundation at Kalvakurthy in Mahabubnagar, to be trained on mental

mathematics skills, and "Balasabha" to improve the capabilities of studnts and motivate them. The students returned to the school and practiced the "Balasabha" in their school as well.

3.2. Education Volunteer:

A Vidya Volunteer (BalaTheressa) was identified & placed in the Primary school in Church Gagillapur, due to a shortage of teachers as per the number of students. The shortage was identified by MAS & a resolution



was passed in VDC. As per this, an experienced Volunteer was placed.

3.3. Exposure visit to SRFF:

The MAS team for Mission Gagillapur attended an exposure visit to the Sri Ram Foundation, in Gurgaon, who has been working in the Mewat region of Haryana on improvement of schools in 19 districts.

3.4. Training at "Room to Read":

Two teachers from the two Primary Schools had attended the training program at "Room to Read" on how to manage school libraries. The Project Officer from MAS had participated in the program.



3.5. Distribution of uniforms at High School:

Hetero Pharmaceuticals had distributed two pairs of uniforms to all students of High school. During the distribution, VDC Members facilitated & represented the village.

3.6. Science Exhibition:

For27th to 29th September, 22 students along with two teachers from the High School visited the District Level Science Exhibition & Project Competition called Inspire, at the Shivappa high school in Nagaram, in Medchal District, organized by SCERT. The transportation to & from the Exhibition was facilitated by the VDC member, Sanjeev Reddy.



3.7. Provision of school benches at Primary School:

A need for providing school benches for students was identified. It was discussed in VDC and followed up with the Gram Panchayat. A letter was submitted from the GramaPanchayat to Aurobindopharma for the requirement of 41 school benches for the primary school of Church Gagillapur.

4. Placement Linked Skill Development & Career Guidance

4.1. Meeting with surrounding companies:

The MAS team visited four companies to know the scope for placement of unemployed youth. Out of the four companies visited (Schneider, Granules, Innofab and Virchow) meetings could be held only with Innofab& Virchow. Both responded positively, and were willing to provide employment to the candidates with ITI skills such as Electrical and Welding.

4.2. Meeting with women on skill development:

On 15th September, four women had approached the MAS team at the CMRC, regarding skill development opportunities & trainings. They were informed that once the baseline survey has been completed, trainings would be organized for them.



5. Address Development Gaps through community-led approach (Health, hygiene, garbage disposal, ground water pollution, water scarcity etc.)

5.1. Health camp

A seasonal health camp was conducted by the Health department at GramaPanchayath office on 16th September. A total of 122 patients were screened and the blood samples from the 11 patients were taken. This was followed up and found that the samples did not contain any disease.

The Project Officer assisted in the follow up of the health camp that was organized by Lions club along with NSS volunteers in Rajivgandhinagar, and facilitated in distributing 22 spectacles to the patients.

6. Project Management

6.1. Meeting with Sarpanch & Panchayat Secretary

The MAS team held a meeting with Village Sarpanchand Panchayath secretary at the Gram Panchayat.

6.2. Meeting with PD-DRDA

Participated in the meeting with district collector and PD-DRDA and shared the progress and challenges of Mission Gagillapur project.

B. Progress made in October

- 1. Institutionalize community driven development process
- 1.1. Strengthen Gram Sabha, Village Development Committee & Functional Committees:

VDC Meeting: The seventh VDC Meeting was held at the CMRC Office of MAS on 1st October.

Discussions held:

- i. Lessons learnt from SHG Exposure Visit
- ii. Elections were held for a three member body for opening of VDC Account
- iii. Need for a specific plan of development for 214 Gagillapur
- iv. Need for health checkups for pregnant & lactating women

GramaSabha Meeting: The Project Officer attended "Gramasabha" on 2^{nd} of October in GramaPanchayath. Discussions were held on Department wise developments and doubts were raised by villagers by the concerned department officials.

The Project officer shared the progress and challenges of Mission Gagillapur and invited the ward members to join in with the development process.







The Mandal officials- MPDO, EO (PR&RD), AE (RWS), MPTC, Panchayath Secretary, & Sarpanch along with the governing body of GP, SHG women and 14 VDC membershad participated.

GramaJyothi FC Meetings: Meetings were conducted with seven Gramajyothi committees on 3rd of October in GP, as part of the celebrations for Gandhi jayanthi. The Panchayath Secretary explained the importance of cleanliness and the members suggested to clean all the places and to bleach them. The GP staff took part in the Swachchta activity and the Cleaning, Bleaching and replacement of trees, tree guards were done.

Functional Committee Meetings:Conducted the sub-committee meetings of Water and Women's committees along with CRPs on 6th of October. The Sarpanch attended the water committee meeting and assured the supply of free water from the nearby bore well from the GP within 10 days of time. In the women's committee meeting,the women interested to promote small enterprises and in need of training on various activities were listed.

Mothers' Committee Meeting: The PO attended the meeting of Mothers committee at Anganwadicentre on 15th of October. They were informed & encouraged to come for the health camp to be conducted from November on pregnant & lactating women.

Rajivgandhinagar Development Committee: The Project Officer participated in the meeting of Rajivgandhinagar development committee on 18th of October with nine members, along with two CRPs. They stressed on the need of having roads in 214 Gagillapur.

1.2. Promote and strengthen Community Resource Centre:

The CMRC building were in need of repairs, such as painting, electrical works, etc. the MAS team met the Father of the Church on 21st October, to discuss & facilitate the repairs. A meeting was also held with the Church committee President, Sujith Reddy, on 22nd of October. He assured to follow up with the repairs required in the following month.

The letter heads, stamps, and notice boards were prepared for the CMRC.

1.3. Strengthen SHGs, VOs & Youth Clubs:

The PO attended the VO-1 & VO-3 meeting at Thanda on 14th & 19th of October along with 2 CRPS. The newly appointed Cluster Coordinator from DRDA department had participated in the meeting. The lessons learnt in the exposure visit to Kamareddy were discussed and orientations were held by Project Officer.

The defunct SHG "Pooja" was motivated & they agreed to repay the loan to restart the SHG's functioning. Discussions were also held with the VO office bearers on financial status of RO plant.

2. Poor & Marginalized Access to Government Schemes

2.1. Baseline Survey

Specific entitlements were decided to be followed by March 2017. These lists were prepared for cross checking, such as beneficiaries not having Aadhar cards, Ration cards, Bank Accounts, and not availing Widow pension, Old age pension, specially abled pension, households not having toilets, women headed families, children not going to school from 6-14 years, etc. This list was handed over to the CRPs to cross check the data.

3. Improved Quality Education

3.1. Remedial Classes for Class 10th students of ZPHS:

The MAS team visited Ignatius and NSKK schools to identify the volunteers for remedial classes to 10th students. With the reference from the Mathematics teacher, a Volunteer was placed, for Science &Maths classes. The remedial classes were started from 27th of October. The PO and the physical science teacher participated in the first class on mathematics and provided feedback to the volunteer for further improvement of teaching.



3.2. Infrastructural improvements:

Measurements were given to Innofab to supply grills for the high school, to avoid the continuous disturbance.

4. Placement Linked Skill Development & Career Guidance

4.1. List of Unemployed youth

The list for unemployed youth was decided to be updated along with the other entitlements. In order to be able to improve skill development, it was necessary to know the exact status of the youths in the village.

- 5. Address Development Gaps through community-led approach (Health, hygiene, garbage disposal, ground water pollution, water scarcity etc.)
 - **5.1.** *Health camp:* The MAS team interacted with the Gynecologist (Suvarnareddy) on 21st of October at Annaram village in her private clinic. She is pursuing her masters in community medicine was interested in volunteering with MAS for fortnightly health checkups. It was decided to hold the first checkup on 5th November at the Anganwadicentre.
 - **5.2.** Health Volunteer: An experienced health volunteer was identified and placed in the CMRC.
 - **5.3.** *RO Water Plant:* The Plant was serviced on 21st of October to improve the productivity of water by a technician.

Since 26th October, the RO Water plant has been drawing water from the Gram Panchayat Bore well, due to an increase in levels of Ground water.

The GP requested MAS to help in revival of second defunct RO Water Plant in Church Gagillapur. It was clarified that MAS can only assist in technical aspects, and not in the revival of the Plant.



6. Project Management

- **6.1.** *Meeting with DEO:*On 21st October, the MAS team interacted with the DEO (Usharani) at the collector office of Medchal in Keesara village. Discussions were held on the things that contribute to improve the quality of govt. Schools. She requested MAS to provide a computer instructor to teach basic computing skills and to operate the projector in the ZPHS.
- **6.2.** New Project Officer in Mission Gagillapur: A new project officer (Brahmachari) has been posted in Gagillapur to work in sync with CS Goud, to conduct activities efficiently.

C. Progress made in November

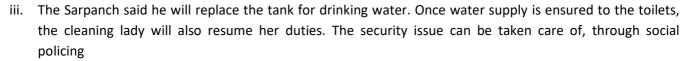
1. Institutionalize community led development Process:

1.1. Strengthen Gram Sabha, Village Development Committee & Functional Committees:

A Gram Sabha meeting was held on declaring Gagillapur as ODF, on 4^{th} November. The importance of ODF was discussed in this meeting. It was followed by the 8^{th} VDC Meeting at the GP Office.

Some of the important decisions taken in this VDC meeting are:

- Authorization letter passed by GP for opening of VDC Bank Account
- ii. Issues of Poor garbage collection & disturbances by local youth in the Primary School.



- iv. GP Connection from borewell was given for the RO Water Plant
- v. VDC suggested that once the Plant breaks even, and arrears are paid, the Plant should be able to cover the electricity charges from the revenue generated from January 2017.
- vi. Gyni's visit arranged for Pregnant & Lactating women

6.3. Promote & Strengthen CMRC:

Two new Community Resource Persons were identified (Nagesh & Jyothi) for assisting the Project Officer in Gagillapur. They were oriented and placed in the CMRC.

In order to install 3 Name boards for the CMRC, Innofab Pvt Ltd was approached to manufacture the same. Measurements were given.

It was also decided to paint the walls of the CMRC. The Church was approached to share the expenditure of the repainting. Decision was not finalized on the same.

7. Poor and Marginalized Access to Government Schemes

7.1. Entitlements

After the list of beneficiaries being finalized, the beneficiaries had to be cross-verified to know the actual number of beneficiaries, due to high rates of migration in Gagillapur. Hence, the cross verification was initiated by the CRPs on the 10 entitlements namely Aadhar cards, Ration cards, Bank Accounts, Widow pension, Old age pension, specially-abled pension, household without toilets, women headed families, children not going to school.



On 22nd November, a health check up camp was conducted in the Gram Panchayat with the help of the Hetero Pharmaceuticals Ltd. A total of 467 patients had come for the checkup (105 were orthopedic patients, 111 were







dental patients, 114 were children and 137 were general cases). The MAS team helped in mobilizing the residents of the Main Village and spreading awareness to other parts of the village.

8. Improved Quality of Education

8.1. Celebration of Children's Day

In order to encourage the students of government school, it was decided to celebrate 14th of November, Children's Day, in the Primary School of Church Gagillapur and the Anganwadi Centre in the Main Village. The children would be spoken to about the importance of the event, conduct games and distribute prizes.

Before the event, a meeting was held with the Headmaster and Anganwadi Teacher, in order to organize the event and identify the gifts that can be given to the kids, which would also help in improving the school environment, such as stainless steel plates, water bottles, lunch boxes, stationery items, and sweets.

A total of 116 gifts were distributed on the day of celebration.

8.2. Cultural Event

Mr. Len MacDonald (Author of 3 books and volunteer from Canada) visited the Primary School of Church Gagillapur to engage with the children on 25th November. The kids were encouraged to sing songs and dance, to the tune of a guitar.

8.3. Infrastructural Improvements

Complaints were earlier lodged regarding misuse of school premises after school hours. MAS facilitated the construction of a grill to prevent this with the help of Innofab. The grill was handed over to the High School Headmaster on $10^{\rm th}$ November.

In the VDC meeting, complaints were raised regarding the unclean premises of the Primary School in Church Gagillapur and the lack of water connection for cleaning purposes.

The Panchayat Secretary visited the school to monitor the cleaning of the area and promised to provide a separate connection for water.

Due to lack of school benches in the Primary school, the Headmaster

approached the VDC & MAS for support regarding the same. MAS facilitated with the help of Aurobindo & Innofab. An order for 35 school benches was approved by Aurobindo. They were to be delivered by the end of 2016.

8.4. Remedial Classes for High School Students:

MAS team had facilitated a volunteer for taking remedial classes in the High School. The Headmaster did not cooperate ad insisted on using the school teachers to take up special classes for High School Students. Hence due to the pressure created by MAS & VDC, now special classes have been initiated by the Headmaster in his school.











9. Address Development Gaps (Health, Sanitation etc.)

9.1. Health checkup with Gynecologist

In order to have regular check-ups for the pregnant & lactating mothers, as a part of the Health entitlements, MAS identified a doctor (Dr. Suvarna Reddy) who was willing to support with the fortnightly checkups. One health camp

was held on 5th November at the Anganwadi Centre. A total of 16 pregnant women had come for the checkup.

A second camp was held on 27th November at the Anganwadi centre by the same Gynecologist.

A health camp was organized by Gram Panchayat and Hetero Pharmaceuticals on 22nd November. MAS had supported in mobilization of Church Gagillapur.

9.2. Drinking Water from RO Plant

A number of leakages had occurred in the pipelines of the Water Plant. All repairs were done under supervision, by technicians.

9.3. ODF

A triggering process was conducted on 26th November with the school children of Primary School. Prior to that, five places were identified for triggering events- two in Rajeevgandhinagar, one in Church Gagillapur, and two in Main Village. Follow up was done in the early mornings with the support of CRPs and students.





D. <u>Progress made in December</u>

1. Institutionalize community led development Process

1.1. Strengthen Gram Sabha, Village Development Committee & Functional Committees:

1.1.1. VDC Meeting

The ninth VDC meeting was held on 3rd December. The major decisions taken were:

- i. The Functional Committees are to be revived
- ii. A plan for ODF Triggering process was discussed & the decision was taken to conduct triggering process in the Main Village. Gram Panchayat will support ODF activities in Gagillapur.
 - iii. Grills to be fitted in School before vacation.
 - iv. For opening of bank accounts, Jyothi (CRP) was identified as the responsible person.
 - v. Need to engage the unemployed youth with skill trainings

1.1.2. Election of VDC Leadership:

A second meeting was held with all VDC members on 17th Dec, after the VDC expressed their desire to elect a leadership among themselves.

- i. Discussions were held on the irregular members of the meeting. Members who have not attended at least 3 VDC meetings are to be replaced by other members. Eliminated members- Venkateshwar Rao, Md.Jahangir, Jairaj Reddy. New members to be identified from Thanda & Chaitanya nagar in the next meeting.
- ii. Membership can be extended to other areas like SHGs & VOs by consent of the Executive Body.
- iii. RO Plant Operator's honorarium to be increased to 2500 INR from Jan 2017

- iv. The Sarpanch, Member of Panchayat Territorial Council, Executive Officer, Represent from Shakti Hormann and Represent from MAS, were deemed as special invitees for VDC meetings.
- v. Office bearers were elected: Sanjeev Reddy (Chairperson), Narsimha Goud (Vice Chairperson), M Gopal (Secretary), Shobha Rani (Joint Secretary), SK Yusuf (Treasurer), C Balaraju & Balta Reddy (Advisory Body)
- vi. For opening bank account: The account has to be opened in a National Bank in the name of VDC, by Chair Person, Treasurer & Project Officer. The chairperson is responsible for opening of Bank Account in the next week. Transactions to be made by PO, and any of the remaining authorized persons. Treasurer is responsible for maintaining bank accounts separately.

1.1.3. *FC Meeting:*

With the immediate need to revive the Functional Committees, a meeting was held with all the FC members with the Executive Officer on 6th Dec. Some of the decisions taken were:

- i. MAS will give incentive for households that have completed toilet construction by distributing Buckets, mugs, phenyl etc.
- ii. EO suggested to conduct VDC & FC meetings at Grama panchayath office
- iii. Eligibility of ration cards, specially-abled persons, widow pension & oldage pension was discussed.

A Functional Committee Meeting was held on 14th December for the Water & Sanitation Committee, in which the following decisions were taken:

- i. Discussed the amount of loss that has accrued to the Water Plant (21,154 INR)
- ii. Appointing of new operator was considered as not a good idea. Hence, honorarium of current operator to be increased to 2500 INR from Jan 2017.
- iii. Water Problems might continue in the next summer, hence the need for taking precautions were felt.
- iv. It was decided to provide fan & light through GP.



1.1.4. Training for CRP & VO Leaders:

A training program was held for the CRPs & the VO Leaders at the MAS Head Office on 2nd December. They were given clarity on roles & responsibilities. They were engaged in a number of activities such as identifying the problems of Gagillapur and presenting them. A movie was also played on the transformation of the Model Village of Gangadevipally.

1.1.5. Engagement with academic institutions:

A batch of 5 interns (from Tata Institute of Social Sciences) was placed in

Gagillapur to observe and learn about Model village concepts under Grama Jyothi. They resided in GAgillapur for a week, assisted in conducting a skill development drive for the women, and conducted meetings with surrounding companies and also in ODF Triggering activities.

1.2. Strengthening SHGs, VOs & Youth Clubs:

A VO Meeting was held in Thanda and facilitated by CRP (Jyothi).



1.3. Promote and strengthen CMRC:

The name boards for the CMRC were installed for better identification of the Office.

A banner was put up at the Gram Panchayat Office, with the approval of Sarpanch & VDC members.

In order to improve the work atmosphere of the office, the CMRC was painted.

2. Poor and Marginalized access to Govt schemes

As a part of saturation of entitlements, households without bank accounts were identified. Under Jan Dhan Yojana, 68 individual bank accounts were opened. MAS facilitated the opening of bank accounts at the CMRC.

For the other entitlements, it was necessary to have a cross-verification done, due to the high rates of migration. Hence, the list of eligible beneficiaries were cross checked & finalized for forwarding to VDC & GP.

3. Improved Quality of Education

3.1. Infrastructural Improvements

A total of 35 school benches were provided to the Primary School in church gagillapur, with the support of Aurobindo Pharma Ltd & Innofab.

3.2. Cultural events:

On 22nd December, MAS & the Primary School in Church Gagillapur celebrated National Mathematics Day, to mark the birthday of Srinivasa Ramanajunan, the Mathematical genius.

On 24th December, MAS facilitated the participation of 30 students from three schools of Gagilapur in the Hyderabad Marathon, held at Hitex city. Gaudium School supported this event by providing buses for transportation. The children were encouraged & energized by the event.







4. Placement linked skill development and training

A skill development drive was held at the CMRC for unemployed women & youth. A total of 30 people had come for the session, with 28 women and two men. The interns from TISS supported in facilitating this event.

They were counseled on career opportunities and four livelihood groups were formed, one for people interested in tailoring, one for people



interested in self-employment, one for people with no skills, and one for the youth.

5. Address Development Gaps (Health, Sanitation, etc.)

5.1. ODF:

A follow up on the ODF Triggering Process was done in Lake Gagillapur on 5th Dec, with the support of the 5 TISS Interns, at 5:30 am in the morning. School children were involved for this event.

5.2. Drinking Water from RO Plant:

Subsequent repairs of the motor were done in December for the Plant. The VDC requested MAS to revive the second water Plant in Church Gagillapur.

It was decided that MAS will not revive it but support it technically, with the help of GP & VO.

6. Project Management

6.1. Visit by External Consultant (Lorenz P)

On 12th December, Mr. Lorenz from Germany visited Gagillapur to interact with CRPs, VDC members, Innofab. A number of discussions were held on how to improve VDC participation and the employment opportunities for youth in the village with Ramesh Reddy (Managing Director of Innofab). Innofab was willing to support in establishing a typewriting centre for youth, play materials for Anganwadi, providing water tankers for plantation, etc.

A review meeting was held on the progress of Gagillapur and how to improve at the MAS Head Office, and Shakti Horman Office. It was

decided to take up a few Entry Point Activities in order to meet the community's expectations of visible changes.



6.2. Documentation:

A number of documents were finalized and shared, such as:

- i. Plan Of Action
- ii. Case studies on RO Water Plant & Education Interventions
- iii. VDC & FC Tracking Sheet of Minutes of the Meeting
- iv. Job Description of the team
- v. Final list of eligible beneficiaries for Entitlements

6.2. Replacement of Field Staff:

Due to slow and poor performance of the activities, Chandrashekhar Goud (Project Officer) was replaced by Bramhachari Rajojula (Capacity Building Officer) in the month of December.