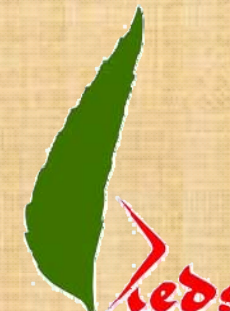


Achievements

- Federated 200 VSSs into Vana Samakhya, a range level network of samithis dependent on forest in Bukkapatnam and Kadiri ranges to build their capacities to manage community forest and enhance their livelihoods. 6600 hcts. of reserve forest and 560 hcts. of revenue waste land was brought under protection.
- Collective marketing of NTFP collected by the forest protection committees for common property resources benefited 870 men and women have livelihoods.
- 74 bonded labour including women and children of 24 families were rescued from Kondavenukapally and Kummaravandlapally quarries, 42 are rehabilitated and provided with permanent houses and houses for others are under process.
- 202 victims of trafficking were rescued in 4 rescue operations.
- Established District Forest Resource Centre and Value Addition Centre for alternative livelihoods.
- REDS is running a home for children including orphan and bonded labour get education and care.
- REDS has conducted hundreds of cultural programmes to create awareness on various issues through rural street plays.
- Mainstreamed the child labour. 29 minor girls were enrolled in hostels. (victims of rape and attempted to rape)
- Helped 62 victims of trafficking get rehabilitation amount from the Govt.
- Legal aid to 704 victims of domestic violence and trafficking.
- 250 persons were tested (VCTC) out of which 75 were provided with care and support.
- 1356 dalit families are supported to fight against atrocities and facilitated to avail benefits from the Govt.
- REDS has trained 3500 change makers to reduce and prevent domestic violence.
- 2500 women farmers covering 9400 acres in 40 villages of 4 Mandals were motivated, trained and promoted to implement sustainable agricultural practices with NPM & NRM concept which drastically reduced the investment and risk factors. Later helped them to get loan of Rs.60 lakhs from bank and other Govt. programmes and also arranged stall in a vegetable market to sell the vegetables which also helped them to earn Rs.2-3 more per Kg.
- Established Seed Bank to preserve and store own seeds for use in next season reduced dependency on MNCs.
- REDS has implemented pilot programme before launching the NREGA, now working in 45 GPs of 4 Mandals focusing on providing 100 days employment to each family, worksite facilities, women participation and gender equity with minimum and equal wages, in-time payments and transparency, proper implementation of the scheme, developing permanent assets and infrastructure which improved cultivation and resulted in preventing migration permanently.
- Conducted social audit on NREGA in 4 Mandals.
- Conducted social audit on anganwadis in 4 Mandals.
- Formed a committee of women named "Athyachara Nirodhaka Committee" to protect women against atrocities and domestic violence.
- SHGs and Youth Committees with Minorities (Muslims) are formed and helped 54 groups to get loans of Rs.34 lakhs to start petty businesses.
- REDS interventions helped dalits to ride a bicycle, which was not allowed earlier. Small achievement made a big impact on the empowerment of dalits.
- Powerful, highly influenced and rich forward caste landlord sexually abused almost all the women and girls in the village. REDS initiated collective action to stop him and imprisoned him for 14 years.



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Vision

A society which respects human dignity and provides all individuals and groups fair treatment and an impartial share of the benefits of society.

Mission

Contribute to the development process of rural India through pro-poor projects with a greater participation of the poor and marginalized communities in the planning and implementation of the project activities for sustainable growth.

Network member of

APPS
CACT
CACL
NATSAP,
A.P.Women Network
A P Alliance for Child Rights
Rayalaseema Drought Movement
Upadhi Hami Hakkula Amalu Committee

Member of Dist.level Committee

Dist. Forest Committee
Dist. SC, ST Atrocities Prevention Committee
Dist. Legal Service Authority
Service Provider for implementation of
DV Act and Uchita Shanthi Raji Kendram
appointed by the State Government Legal
services authority.

Member of state level committee

Anti Trafficking Committee
NPM Executive Committee
NREGA GO & NGO Collaboration
Committee



About Us

REDS is an acronym for Rural and Environment Development Society, registered as a not for profit organisation in 1996 to further the well-being of rural communities.

REDS' activities are mainly focused on rural development, sustainable agriculture, child rights and anti-trafficking, empowering CBOs to gain control over natural resources. The organization facilitates programmes that promote sustainable development.

REDS is also an active member of various networks at district and state level to build public opinion, advocacy and lobbying at appropriate levels.

Smt. C.Bhanuja is the founder President and is actively involved from the inception of the organization. Bhanuja is awarded as "brave lady" by Asmitha network in 2002, best social worker in the state for the year 1996 and REDS received "Best NGO in the district" award for 4 times by the District Collector.

REDS programmes are spread into 172 villages, 45 Gram Panchayaths of 10 Mandals which were begun by listening to villagers and continued by encouraging their initiatives in Anantapur district which has been facing severe drought and famines for decades and centuries, resulting in migration, farmers suicides and poverty



Programmes

Village development is a complex task in India as it involves many dimensions. Thus, the organization pursues an integrated approach for sustainable village development. The approach rests firmly on the belief that all assistance must empower people to participate in furthering their own development.

NRM & Sustainable Agriculture to develop natural resources

Child Rights - rescuing and rehabilitating bonded labour and orphan children

Prevention of HIV / AIDS among the high risk groups

Running a family counseling centre for the victims of domestic violence.

Combating trafficking of women and children through empowerment of CVGs

Environment protection and livelihoods through NTFP

Protecting Human Rights by empowering women, dalits & minorities

Livelihoods, dignity of labour, equal and minimum wages by linking to the Govt. schemes.

Drought Mitigation & afforestation

