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# **INTRODUCTION**

## **Introduction about the CDP**

The Community Development Project provided me with the opportunity to collaborate and engage with non-government organizations by undertaking a project targeted at the identification and eradication of the problems faced by neglected elders living in Old Age Homes and children growing up in orphanages.

Completing this project instilled complexity of understanding, problem analysis, problem-solving, critical thinking, and cognitive development in me and I have learnt to demonstrate greater interpersonal development, particularly the ability to work well with others, and to build leadership and communication skills.

## **Introduction about the NGO**

Amma Prema Adarana Seva Samastha is one of the many old age homes/orphanages in Vijayawada that has been sheltering hundreds of people in its premises since its inception in 2010.

## **Motto**

“Showing a way for orphans, handicapped, widows and elder citizens to stand on their foot.”

## **Vision**

To extend hand to orphans & semi orphan students, handicapped people, poor widows HIV/AIDS effected people and elder citizens with love and compassion.

## **Mission**

Skill development and economic upliftment with programmes like,

1. Tailoring classes
2. Maggam & Painting classes
3. Beautician training
4. Paper Plates making workshops
5. Computer training
6. Scholarships/Educational Assistance

## **Problem Identification**

The main problems being faced by Orphanages/Old Age Homes is scarce availability of funds, donations and most importantly very few skilled workers and volunteers who come forward to share the organization's vision and mission.

## **Cause of the Problem**

The main causes of above problems are ever increasing neglect of elder people in our current society, in turn making them seek shelter in old age homes, the reason for scarce funding is because of diminishing philanthropy and increasing in number of old age homes in each city. The current youth is growing less concerned about well being of society hence decreasing volunteer ship.

## **Objectives of the project**

Every community development project has some fixed prime objectives it needs to achieve during its completion, the prime objectives of this CDP are :

- I. Volunteering to work in the Orphanage/Old Age Home.**  
Researching and shortlisting of several Old Age Homes and orphanages in the city and finally choosing one to volunteer and to spend more than 30 hours working there.
  
- II. Donating food and medicines.**  
Main problem of every such not-for-profit non-government institution is to provide well nourished food and medicines to its dependent souls every day. Hence donating them is one of the prime objectives.
  
- III. Organizing teaching sessions to the children.**  
When poverty ridden and have no one to pick them up, education is the golden key we can give to orphan and semi-orphan children, skill development helps them realize their potential and instill self confidence.
  
- IV. Organizing skill development sessions for elders.**  
Almost all elders in these old age homes are illiterates who have no means to survive on their own in this modern society, so organizing skill development programmes in crafts like tailoring, painting and handicrafts can help in their socio-economic upliftment.

## **Steps taken to achieve the Objectives**

### **Volunteering**

I have chosen to complete this CDP in my native city of Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. After researching many Old Age Homes and Orphanages in the city I have shortlisted them down to five not-for-profit & non-government institutions, namely,

1. Amma Prema Adarana Seva Samastha
2. Child Aid Foundation
3. Young India Volunteers Organization
4. Jain Seva Manch
5. Nestham NGO

I have contacted all these five organisations and Amma Prema Adarana Seva Samastha seemed to have the most wide plethora of problems economically and volunteer wise, hence I have picked this organisation and started my project by volunteering there for 8 hours per day for a total of four days amounting to 32 hours of work.

Amma Prema Adarana Seva Samastha currently has 35 elders and 6 children under their care, out of which 2 septuagenarians, Mrs. Krishnaveni and Mrs. Jamuna are having serious age-related medical problems, one Mrs. Suryakantham (46) is suffering with HIV/AIDS, rest of all the elders have mild health troubles and the children are moderately nourished.

My working schedule was from 10am to 6pm, for four days I helped the organisers in various activities including,

- Taking elders to nearby clinic for medical checkups.
- Taking care of lunch arrangements for everyone.
- Teaching the children after their school hours.
- Serving as a companion to the elders listening to their stories and life experiences.

## **Donating**

Since funding is scarce, philanthropy is the driving fuel of this organisation, and it was my thought of donating food and medicines to them instead of financial support.

We hired a caterer to supply well nourished food to the organisation for a day, the thankfulness in their faces and their blessings were real, it was really an amazing experience serving them and taking care of their well being even if its only for a day.

The organisation has a small clinic with 3 beds to take care of small issues and Dr. Raghava from Aayush hospitals visit them everyday for an hour, but the clinic is in severe lack of quality medicines and equipment, with doctors suggestion I have donated some diabetes medication, since they are the most commonly used by the elders there.

## **Organizing training**

### **For children**

The six children under the care of the organisation are all orphans with no families and have different heart wrenching back stories, the most heart breaking one was of Daniel Kumar (11) whose both parents were killed in an road accident leaving him as the sole survivor, also there is Vishwas (9) whose parents riddled with poverty committed suicide.

These 6 kids all aged below 12, go to a government school just a kilometre away, they receive lunch as per Mid-day meal scheme.

For them education is the best gift we as a society can give, so I decided to conduct computer teaching classes after their school on the 3 old computers the organisation has. Daily their school ends at 2 pm, we will start at 3pm and train for 3 hours every day for 3 days. I have taught them how to use MS Word, how to create presentations on MS PowerPoint and how to manage data in MS Excel.



## **For Elders**

Almost all elders in these old age homes are illiterates who have no means to survive on their own in this modern society, so organizing skill development programmes in crafts like tailoring, painting and handicrafts can help in their socio-economic upliftment. Since I myself has no knowledge about these skill development programmes I have helped the organizers conduct training sessions of tailoring and paper plates making.

## **Effectiveness of the project**

This community development project aimed at collaborating and engaging with a non-government organization and targeted at identification and eradication of the problems faced by neglected elders living in Old Age Homes and children growing up in orphanages has successfully managed to achieve all its objectives.

- This project fed people dependent on an old age home (Amma Prema Adarana Seva Samastha),
- This project helped the organisation acquire me as a capable volunteer, hence loosening some of the burden on its organisers.
- This project helped 6 bright students acquire skill enhancement in form of computer classes.
- This project helped dependent elders learn special skills that can help them economically, hence increasing self confidence and new energy they need.
- This project contributed my efforts to socio-economic upliftment of old age homes/orphanages and its residents which in turn led to upliftment of current society as a whole.
- Completing this project instilled complexity of understanding, problem analysis, problem-solving, critical thinking, and cognitive development in me and I have learnt to demonstrate greater interpersonal development, particularly the ability to work well with others, and build leadership and communication skills.

## **Conclusion**

In recent years, a number of special reasons have changed community life and people's expectations on young generation. In order to effectively convey the shortcomings being faced by current society, this CDP is an amazing opportunity to both the students and the community service organizations.

Students can learn complexity of understanding, problem analysis, problem-solving, critical thinking, and cognitive development and can learn to demonstrate greater interpersonal development, the ability to work well with others, and build leadership and communication skills.

The community service organization's main problems are scarce availability of funds, donations, and most importantly very few skilled occupants, workers and volunteers who come forward to share the organization's vision and mission.

The main causes of above problems are ever increasing neglect of elder people in our current society in turn making them seek shelter in old age homes, the reason for scarce funding is because of diminishing philanthropy and increasing in number of old age homes in each city. The current youth is growing less concerned about wellbeing of society hence decreasing volunteer ship, and this in turn is inhibiting the skill development and exposure of the occupan

ts in these institutions.

This CDP successfully solved the volunteer-ship, donations and skill development issues of an organisation (Amma Prema Adarana Seva Samastha).