



DALIT BAHUJAN RESOURCE CENTRE



Empowerment of Dalit Adivasis and Other Marginalized Communities

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Vision



Vibrant Dalit Bahujan Movement by men and women of concern who assert themselves powerfully and effectively as stake holders in the governance to reclaim human dignity and integrity.

Mission



The Mission of DBRC is enabling assertive interventions of Dalit Bahujan Communities and mainstreaming towards socio-economic empowerment.



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Introduction

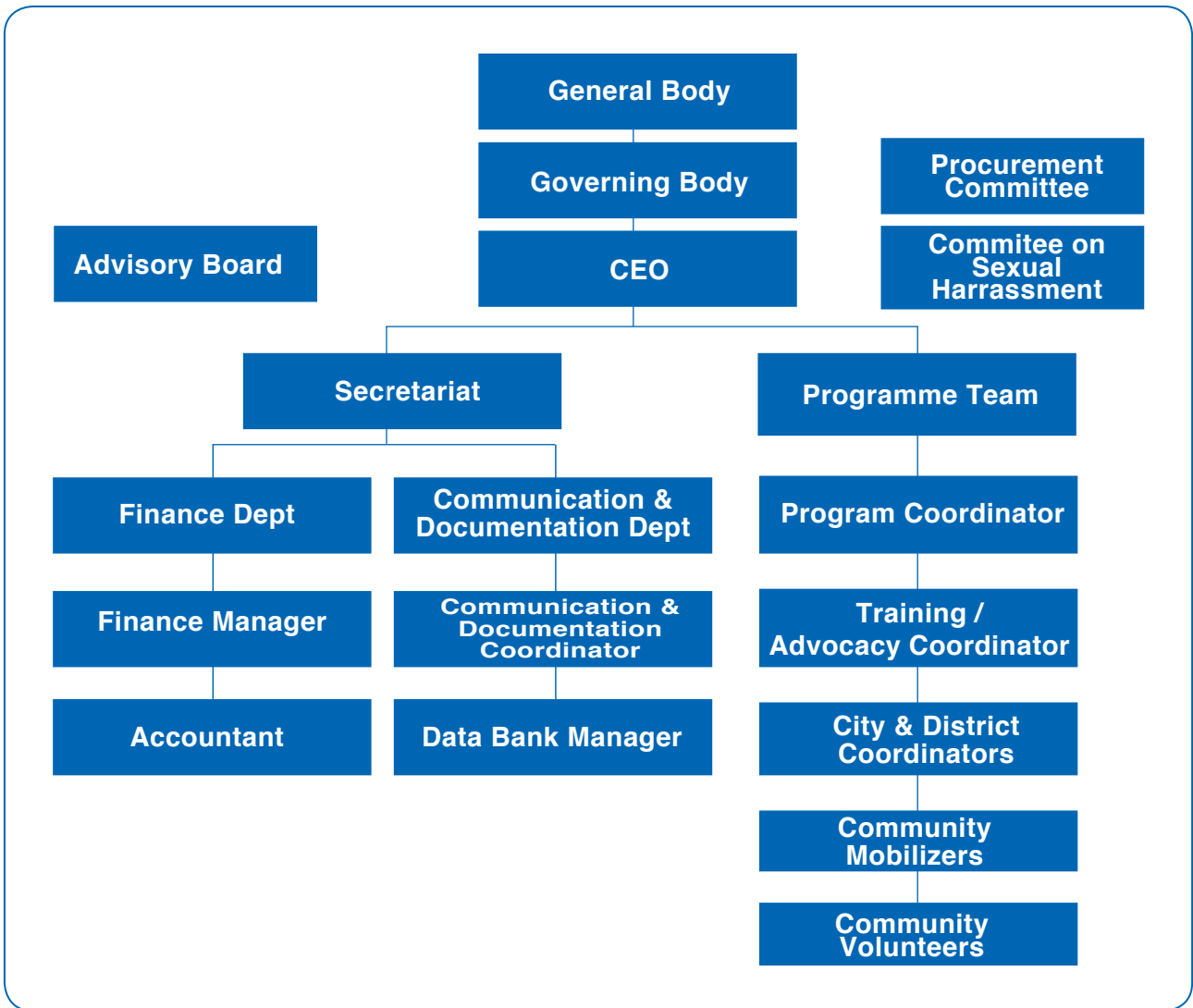
Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre is established in 1992 and working for marginalized communities to promote socio-economic and cultural empowerment. In India; rural and urban areas, there is significant proportion of the marginalized communities – scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward classes and minorities are the categories of individuals that come under marginalized communities live in vulnerable conditions. The term marginalization refers to individual or groups who live at the margin of society. Their situations may be historical or cultural as they suspend between social classes or cultural groups, without being fully integrated to it. Dr. Baba Saheb B.R. Ambedkar's commitment of social change and development was constant and he was restless in giving justice and dignity to the marginalized sections of the society. Non institutional social work practice was started long back in India and it got acceleration after legalized efforts of Dr. Baba Saheb B.R. Ambedkar towards welfare of the marginalized sections.

For the development of marginalized sections, the DBRC is keen to focus on empowerment and equity to bring social change and development. Since, establishment of DBRC, it has been undertaken various development programmes are campaigns, awareness, capacity building, Training of Trainers (ToTs), medical camps which aimed to empower and supporting the Dalit Bahujan and marginalised communities especially women and children in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for their overall development.

Objectives

- To build, strengthen the marginalized communities to access, ascertain the human development indicators such as education, Health, livelihoods and dignity
- To End Violence, Atrocities and Un-touchability on Dalit Bahujan communities particularly women and children.
- To eliminate and reduce the adverse environmental impacts by working on environment and climate change.
- To support, strengthen efforts of state, central and local governments in empowering downtrodden, marginalized communities.

DBRC ORGANOGRAM



DBRC is having its own dedicated team working at the community, district and state level. The current strength of DBRC is 41 holding different positions placed at office and field in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana State. All the staff of DBRC is expertise in social work having rich grassroots level experience working for Dalit, Adivasi, safai Karmacharis (Waste Pickers, drainage workers, sanitary workers) and other backward classes.

The team is working hard day to day to disseminate the information about various schemes, programmes of the government which they can avail and strengthening the leadership qualities and knowledge of the community members and facilitating them in achieving their rights and entitlements.

Geographical Working Area

The DBRC State office is located at Guntur, the administrative affairs operated from the state office and field operations scattered in rural and urban areas of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state. In Andhra Pradesh state, total 5 districts (Guntur, Krishna, West Godavari, Prakasam and Kurnool) are focused and in Telangana state, total 6 districts (Rangareddy, Siddipeta, Vikarabad, Kamareddy, Warangal and Medak) are focused. The details of field operation areas are furnished below:



- **Guntur**

Guntur Urban and Rural
Atchampeta, Sattenapalli
Bellamkonda, Durgi, Macherla
Rentachintala

- **Krishna**

Vijayawada Urban and Rural
Ibrahimpattanam, Kanchikacherla

- **West Godavari**

Eluru Urban and Rural, Bhimadolu
Denduluru, Pedapadu, Pedavegi
Chinthalapudi, Kamavarapukota
Lingapalem, Nallazerla

- **Prakasam**

Addanki, Darsi, Donakonda
Koresapadu, Mundlamuru,
Thalluru

- **Kurnool**

Kurnool Urban and Rural
Jupadu Bungalow
Nandikotukuru



- **Rangareddy**

Moinabad,
Musheerabad

- **Siddipeta**

Douathabad, Dubbaka Mirudoddi
Gazevel, Jagdevpur, Rayapol

- **Vikarabad**

Parigi, Pudur

- **Kamareddy**

Kazipeta, Rajampeta, Tadvoi

- **Warangal**

Warangal Urban
Hussainparthy, Dharmasagar
Elkaturchi, Atmakuru
Gisukonda, Sangem

- **Medak**

Chegunta
Ramayampeta, Nizampeta

Ongoing Programmes and Achievements

For the financial year 2018-19, DBRC mainly focused and working on three interventions such as Empowerment of Dalit Adivasis (EDA), Green Workers Initiatives (GWI) and Empowering Dalit Communities (EDC). DBRC also has undertaken a research study entitled 'Study on Socio-economic Status of Dalits in Andhra Pradesh'. The intervention wise details are furnished below as follows:

Name of the Intervention	Target Group	Target Areas
Empowerment of Dalit Adivasis - EDA	Dalits, Adivasis	5 Districts of Andhra Pradesh, 3 Districts of Telangana
Green Workers Initiative - GWI	Waste Pickers, Sanitary workers	Guntur, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Limits
Empowering Dalit Communities - EDC	Dalits	5 Districts of Telangana
Study on Socio Economic Status of Dalits in Andhra Pradesh	Dalits	4 Districts of Andhra Pradesh



I. Empowerment of Dalit Adivasis – EDA

Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre has focused on Empowering the Dalit Adivasi communities through the EDA Programme with a target to achieve four indicators which aimed to sensitize Dalits and Adivasis to access and utilize rights & entitlements available under SC ST Component (SC ST Sub-Plan) and also other welfare schemes and programmes in both the states Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Indicator 1	Indicator 2	Indicator 3	Indicator 4
Advocacy & lobbying shall be made for effective utilization of SC ST Components.	Deficiency shall be addressed in accessing and improve basic amenities in the community and public infrastructure development.	Lobbying for control over land and resources, promoting agriculture and allied activities by accessing financial and technical assistance through policies and programmes	Homelessness shall be addressed.



Objective of EDA

Effective monitoring of SC and ST Sub Plan in 5 districts of Andhra Pradesh and 3 districts of Telangana states to improve the living conditions of Dalits and Adivasis who are ably supported by Dalit Adivasi Cadre at grassroots in realizing their rights and entitlements.

EDA Operational Area

The EDA programme is implemented in eight districts; five districts in Andhra Pradesh and three districts in Telangana State are:

Sl. No.	District	State
1	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh
2	Krishna	
3	Prakasam	
4	West Godavari	
5	Kurnool	
6	Siddipeta	Telangana
7	Vikarabad	
8	Ranga Reddy	

Work Strategy

To achieve the objective of EDA in the focused area, the team of DBRC consisting of the Executive Secretary, Advocacy/ Training/ Documentation & Research Coordinators, District Coordinators, Community facilitators have adopted the following strategies:

1. Awareness Programmes
2. Community Meetings
3. Constitute District Budget Monitoring Teams
4. Advocacy & Lobbying
5. Organizing Workshops, Coordination Meetings with the Different Stakeholders

Major EDA Activities

1. DBRC organized a meeting in Hotel Jaya Grand on 20th June, 2018 where 81 members participated from various govt. departments, people representatives and beurocrats. The Following issues were brought to the notice of the authorities:
 - To sensitize the community and the departments about the Free Power Scheme (Below 100 Units) this is meant for the welfare of the SCs and STs.
 - To ensure effective functioning of District level monitoring committees.
 - To orient the children, parents, about utilizing the Pre matric scholarships.
 - To instruct the welfare and education department to ensure enrolment of the children for pre-metric scholarship.
2. In the EDA implementation area, DBRC has facilitated in filing 24 cases of atrocities out of which 12 of them have received compensation of Rs. 19.5 Lakhs.
 - Submitted a representation to the Minister of Social Welfare and Commissioner, Social Welfare Department to extend the date for filing online application for pre-metric scholarship.
 - Submitted representation to the Minister for Social Welfare, Principal Secretary to enhance the diet charges of the children of welfare hostels and residential schools.

3. State level Workshop on Monitoring SC ST Component Budget was conducted at Joshua Vignan Kendram, Guntur on 28.08.2018 where 76 District Budget Watch team members, NGOs and Activists from 5 Districts of Andhra Pradesh participated

- Addressing Poverty
- Fighting Hunger
- Health
- Education
- Gender
- Water & Sanitation



in the workshop. During the meeting, the following were discussed.

- Understanding various schemes available through different departments
- Utilization of SC ST Budget
- Steps for Strengthening Advocacy interventions with district level authorities.
- Certain recommendations were developed to be implemented at the district level.

4. On the 11th September, 2018, DBRC has organized a Regional level Seminar to discuss on Sustainable Development Goals at Hotel Jaya Grand, Guntur. 102 Members from different NGOs, CBOs and VOs participated in the seminar. The following topics were discussed during the seminar.

During the seminar, it was decided to conduct a study to understand the status of implementation of schemes which are meant to address the above mentioned goals. It was also decided to initiative SDG WATCH, AP to ensure that the goals of the SDGs are reached.

5. On 22nd June, 2018, DBRC has organized a Press Meet at Press Club, Vijayawada to sensitize the Print and the Electronic media about the atrocities faced by the Dalit Adivasis, SC ST budget allocation – non utilization of the budget and the



lack of basic amenities in welfare hostels such Toilets, running water, electricity and drinking water. 59 press reporters participated in this meeting and this has brought visibility to these issues.

6. On the 11th June, 2018, a meeting was conducted at MBVK, Vijayawada to orient the community leaders from SC ST Communities about their role to represent the issues related to SC, STs at village level. They were sensitized about their role in facilitating the communities at the grass roots for utilization of the govt. welfare schemes. Around 50 members from different target mandals participated in the meeting.
7. DBRC organized 6 interface meetings with the SC ST farmers and officials from Agriculture and allied departments. 451 farmers participated in these interface meetings. The Officials from the District Agri., Horticulture, Animal husbandry, DWMA, has oriented on the available



schemes meant for SC ST farmers under SC ST component. During the meetings the farmers have expressed the challenges they face in availing the schemes and services and the officials have clarified their concerns.

8. Organized 3 round table conferences at district level on utilization of SC ST Budget

in Guntur, Prakasam and West Godavari districts and 140 members participated in these round table conferences. During these round table meetings the following were discussed:

- SC ST budget allocation, utilization.
 - Unutilized schemes in SC ST component.
 - NTR Viddoyonnathi scheme – though government has spent 43 crores in last 3 years on one qualified for selection which means the purpose of the scheme is defeated.
9. Organized 14 district level round table meetings in 5 districts with NGOs, student organizations, SC ST Employees and representatives of social welfare departments. The issues related to education such as Pre Matric Scholarships, diet charges, and basic amenities in welfare hostels and residential schools were discussed during these meetings. Total 797 members participated in these round meetings and shared their views, inputs and suggestions. Following these meetings memorandums prepared and submitted to the concerned authorities based on the recommendations which have come up during the above meetings.

10. Organized 10 District Budget Watch Meeting in the operational districts where 530 members participated in these meetings. During this budget watch meetings the members from District Budget Watch Committees participated and discussed on the emerging issues related to SCs and STs. Discussed on the implementation of SC ST component at district level as well as targeted areas. Strategies were planned on how to utilize



the budgets allotted for the welfare of the SC ST communities. Discussed on the issues related to the proper implementation of district level budget monitoring committee.

11. The District level budget watch teams have submitted representations to the collector in the target districts to take measures for effective implementation of G.O. No. 34. Submitted memorandums to the District



collectors in 5 districts to conduct social audit on the expenditure of SC ST Budget during the last 3 years.

12. A training program has been organized during 6th and 7th September, 2018 to train the EDA field staff on the usage of mobile application developed by Source Trace (Software Development Company) to track the field level achievements and work report on real time basis.
13. Conducted a campaign on “end child marriages” among 276 Hamlets 448 public places and 256 schools of Andhra

Pradesh and Telangana states. A total of 40373 students & teachers participated in campaign and 27210 general public participated from villages, hamlets.

14. A State Level Consultation on implementation of SC ST Sub Plan Act and utilization of Sub Plan Budgets was held on 28th February 2019 at Hotel V Royal Park, Guntur. Around 122 representatives from different NGOs, CBOs, and Dalit Activists participated in the meeting. During the meeting Mr. Mallepalli Lakshmaiah, Chairman of Centre for Dalit Studies, Hyderabad addressed the participants and stressed the need to motivate the SC ST communities in utilizing the schemes meant for their development and he also hoped for Financial democracy among the SC ST Communities. Mr. Deva Kumar, Executive Secretary DBRC reiterated the need to monitor the utilization of budget against allocation to ensure effective utilization of budget. Later, the Participants shared their views in framing guidelines to monitoring the utilization of sub plan funds and proper implementation of the sub plan act.
15. A State Level Round Table Conference was organized on the 1st December, 2019 at Mahima Gardens, Guntur in order to develop “Dalit Adivasi Manifesto 2019”. As elections for the state and central



government are scheduled in April, DBRC has organized this conference in order to develop a Manifesto after getting inputs and suggestions from various stake holders and submit the same to different political parties so that they include them in their manifestoes for addressing the aspirations and needs of the Dalit Adivasi Communities. 190 representatives from various NGOs, CBOs, and Dalit Activists from all over the state participated in this meeting. The Major inputs which have come up for inclusion into the Manifesto during the meeting are:

- To convert govt. schools and welfare hostels into Residential Schools and provide free education to all the SC ST students from KG to PG in the medium of English.
 - The Funds Allotted under SC ST Sub Plan to be pooled and to be kept at the Nodal Agency. The Nodal Agency should to be given responsibility to ensure effective Planning, implementation, and monitoring.
 - To design and implement special welfare schemes to the SC ST Women and children.
 - To allot atleast 3 acres of agriculture land to all land less farmers of SC ST Communities.
 - To provide water, power, seeds, crop insurance to all the SC ST farmers.
 - To provide housing sites and housing to all the eligible SC ST households.
16. A draft manifesto was prepared and it was decided to organize District level meetings and get inputs and suggestions from district level NGOs, CBOs, activists and leaders so that a final manifesto could be developed.
 17. DBRC has organized District level meetings in 5 Districts of Andhra Pradesh on the theme “Dalit Adivasi Manifesto 2019”. Draft Manifesto which was developed was shared with them to get inputs and suggestions for finalization of the same. In order to finalize the Dalit Adivasi Manifesto 2019, DBRC has organized a State level Consultation on Dalit Adivasi

Manifesto on the 27th January, 2019 at Vijayawada. During the meeting thematic experts discussed on the Manifesto and gave their inputs and suggestions. Based on the inputs and suggestions, 14 Key demands were proposed related to different thematic issues such as SC, ST Budget, Discrimination, untouchability and atrocities, Women Empowerment, Dalit Christians, Stake in decision making bodies, Social security, Welfare of Safai Karmacharis, Land issues, Prohibition of Liquor, Reservations in private sector, Education, Employment, Entrepreneurship Development, Self employment and skill training,

18. A booklet “Dalit Adivasi Manifesto” was developed and a team of members submitted it to the Manifesto Committees of different Political parties and also to the key members of these parties.
19. Conducted 7 District level orientation meetings and community leaders from



respective districts, a total of 452 members participated in these meetings. During the meetings, the community leaders were sensitized on the key points of Dalit Adivasi Manifesto 2019. An Action Plan was developed to give wider scope and visibility to the Dalit Adivasi Agenda so that it is mainstreamed in the upcoming elections.

20. Conducted 10 Interface meetings between

the District officials of the Tribal Welfare and fisheries Department and Community members on issues related to Women Welfare, Girl Child Education, livelihood issues, sanction of units like Poultry, loans from TRICOR, loans for livelihoods like tractors and Innova cars were discussed. Totally 691 members participated in these meetings. These meetings have helped the community members in voicing out their issues and the authorities responding immediately and also the members could understand the schemes implemented by the concerned departments, filing application and availing the schemes.

21. Conducted 2 district level round table meetings at Eluru and Vijayawada and 150 members from different CBOs, NGOs, and Officials from govt. departments participated in the round table conferences. During these meetings there was discussion on different thematic issues like house sites and housing. There was discussion on issues which hinder the community members from getting house sites or housing. It is learnt from the participants that most of the community members do not have a house site and hence, they are unable to avail the housing scheme. The participants were sensitized on applying for NTR rural and urban housing schemes, regarding schemes available in agri. & allied dept. and how to approach the dept. authorities to avail the schemes. Following the Round table conference, it



was decided to submit representations to the concerned government departments on grievance day at mandal level.



22. Conducted 5 District level Budget Watch Meetings in the operational districts and 263 members participated in these meetings. CBOs, NGOs, Activists, leaders of various communities participated in these meetings. During these meetings, we discussed on the SC ST Budget allocation for the districts, it was decided to collect information about utilization of SC ST Budget by various department and conduct an analysis on the allocation and utilization and submit it to the District officials. It was also decided to prepare action plan for the campaigns to be organized in their districts.
23. As a part of advocacy interventions, Campaign on End Child Marriage was conducted at various places to spread the message on the consequences of early child marriages. Through this campaign we reached nearly 40373 students in 276 hamlets covering 256 schools.

24. DBRC has observed 26th November, 2019 as Indian Constitutional Day. DBRC along with other NGOs, CBOs and Dalit Activists and leaders have organized a meeting at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Statue and pledged to protect and promote the Preamble of the Constitution of India. Totally, 367 members participated in 5 Districts of Andhra Pradesh.
25. DBRC has observed 10th December, 2019 as Human Rights Day and conducted Rallies in all the 5 Districts and highlighted the human rights violations happening in the country and demanded protection for the Dalit Adivasi Communities in the Country. 73 NGOs, CBOs, Activists, Leaders participated in these rallies and expressed their solidarity.

Achievements

The team of DBRC is dedicated in contributing their services for the development of Dalits and Adivasi communities in the EDA implementation area. With the cooperation of community leaders, women and different stakeholders in the community, the DBRC has brought substantial results in each indicator of EDA that are:

1. Students' diet charges has been increased in different levels:

- i. For 3rd and 4th classes, it is increased from Rs.750/- to Rs.1000/-
- ii. For 5th to 7th classes, it is increased from Rs.750/- to Rs.1250/-
- iii. For 8th to 10th classes, it is increased from Rs.850/- to Rs.1250/-

2. For basic amenities and infrastructure development in the community, the deficiency has been addressed and the results are:

- i. **Basic Amenities:** 266 Hamlets Benefited - Issues of basic amenities such as internal roads, drinking water, street lights, side drains and grave yards are successfully addressed and resolved in 266 hamlets in the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state
- ii. **Infrastructure Facilities:** 217 Anganwadi Centres Benefited – issues related to infrastructure facilities such as permanent building, drinking water, electricity, fans, toilets at Anganwadi Centres are resolved in 217 Centres in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state.

iii. Infrastructure Facilities & Pre-metric Scholarships : 226

Government Schools Benefited – issues related to improve infrastructure facilities such as repair of toilets, running water in toilets, separate toilets for girls, safe drinking water, electricity issues, fans at government schools are resolved in 226 schools and also addressed issues of pre- metric scholarships.

iv. Infrastructure Facilities & Cosmetic Charges: 56

Government Welfare Hostels Benefited - issue related to improve infrastructure facilities are repair of toilets, running water in toilets, safe drinking water, fans and mosquito nets / mesh are resolved in 56 welfare hostels and also issues of cosmetic charges of students are addressed.

3. Access and utilization of agriculture and allied schemes: farmers belong to SC ST are sensitized in access of seeds, fertilizers, crop loans, tools & implements, grants & loans for animal husbandry, horticulture, etc.

- i. 719 farmers got benefited in accessing agriculture and allied schemes worth of Rs.3,20,11,185/-.

4. Housing & Home Stead: issues of homelessness among single women headed households have been addressed and resolved.

- i. Total 928 households (Women headed households) got benefited and received entitlements on homestead and new houses.



II. Green Workers Initiative - GWI

Waste Pickers can also be termed as Green Workers as they contribute in safe guarding the environment sustainability. Though they are contributing to public health and safety their efforts have not been recognized instead they are facing low social status. For the last 3 years DBRC has been working for the improvement of living conditions of the Waste Pickers and Sanitary Workers in Guntur and in Vijayawada. The purpose of the Green Workers Initiative is to facilitate the waste pickers and sanitary workers with their social entitlements so that they may have better access to the Basic Amenities and Government Welfare Schemes. GWI is focused on three indicators:

Indicator 1	Indicator 2	Indicator 3
A functional waste picker's cooperative will be formed and 1000 waste pickers will become members	70% of the 500 Families of the Sanitary Workers realize at least three rights/entitlements in the programme period.	80% of the 1000 waste pickers will realize at least 3 rights/entitlements in the programme period.

Objective of GWI

- To improve living conditions of Waste Pickers & Sanitary workers in Guntur and Vijayawada cities of Andhra Pradesh.

GWI Operational Area

GWI is being implemented in Guntur and Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Limits.

Our Approach

The following are the various activities that the team of DBRC discussed and decided to implement in its targeted areas.

- Consistent interaction with the Community.
- Regular Area Meetings.
- Awareness programs.
- Free medical camps.
- Campaigns on various issues.
- Advocacy with different Government Departments.

Motivational Meetings

DBRC has organized motivational meeting with the waste pickers integrated into door

to door collection in Guntur. The program was conducted in Guntur and around 200 waste pickers participated in this meeting. They were sensitized about Health Hazards they may face, cleanliness to be followed, Hygienic measures to be taken to be healthy. We have observed considerable change after this meeting.

Health Camps

Due to non hygienic conditions, the waste pickers are prone to different opportunistic infections which lead to malnutrition and they become anemic. DBRC has conducted 16 medical camps in Guntur and in Vijayawada. The doctors were allotted by the Medical and Health Department of the Municipal Corporations and they treated the waste pickers, sanitary workers and their children. Medicines prescribed by the doctors have been distributed to the waste pickers and sanitary workers. Totally 1319 Waste Pickers & Sanitary Workers participated in these camps.

Rights and entitlements campaign

DBRC has taken up a 15 day campaign on Rights and Entitlements to Safai Karamcharis in Guntur and Vijayawada. The Waste Pickers, Sanitary workers and Drainage workers were sensitized on their rights and entitlements; they were oriented about various government welfare schemes and programmes which they can avail from the government. DBRC has conducted these campaigns in 32 Areas and over 1200 target group members were sensitized during this campaign. During these campaign issues of waste pickers were recorded and issues were taken to the notice of the Joint Collector, Commissioner and sensitized the media. As Part of the Rights and Entitlements campaign, DBRC also organized grassroot level meetings with the Waste Pickers.



Campaign on “End Child and forced marriage Campaign”

As part of the GWI Programme DBRC has initiated a week long campaign in the target areas in Guntur and Vijayawada and sensitized 943 Waste pickers and their families about effects of early and forced child marriage, laws which are against child marriages such as prohibition of Child marriage Act etc. We also motivated them to get a girl child married only after 18 Years of age so that the child does not suffer due to different health problems.

Community Education Campaign

DBRC has conducted community education campaign to the waste pickers & sanitary workers in Guntur and Vijayawada Municipal Corporations. During the campaign waste pickers were sensitized on Safe Drinking Water, Sanitation, Cleanliness, Child Education, low cost nutrition etc.

Totally 277 waste pickers were sensitized during this campaign.

Monitoring and Advocacy with Government Authorities

DBRC has advocated with Guntur and Vijayawada Municipal Corporations for the issuance of Occupational Identity Cards, Revenue Department for the issuance of Ration Cards and Caste Certificates and built a good rapport with these departments and involved them in all events initiated by DBRC. Consistent advocacy of DBRC with various Government Departments has helped in organizing 1st ever grievance redressal program



in Vijayawada exclusively for waste pickers to address their issues. During this program waste pickers were enrolled for Aadhar, Ration Cards instantly and VROs have issued residence certificates; applications for Caste certificates were also filed. 304 waste

pickers participated in the meeting and enrolled for their entitlements. The Joint collector of Krishna District and the Municipal Commissioner of Vijayawada attended the redressal program and ensured their support to waste pickers.



Workshop, Coordination Meetings

1. Interface Meeting with Municipal Authorities:

DBRC has organized 2 Interface meetings between the authorities of the Guntur Municipal Corporation and the Waste

Pickers. These interface meetings helped the waste pickers to voice out their issues on their own also useful as a platform to bring



the issues of the waste pickers to the notice of the authorities so that they resolve the issues. During the meetings waste pickers

were also sensitized about the need be united and organized.

Totally, 356 waste pickers participated in the interface meetings.



2. Annual Conference of Safai Karmacharis

DBRC has organised “Safai Karmacharis Sammelanam” a conference of Waste Pickers, Sanitary workers and drainage workers to promote a platform to voice out the issues

and challenges of Safai Karmacharis and to advocate with the government authorities for improvement of living conditions of Safai Karmacharis. 600 Waste Pickers, Sanitary

Workers and drainage workers from 7 Districts of Andhra Pradesh participated in the conference. Resource Persons from Bangalore, and A.P State SC Commission

member Sri. Karem. Sivaji have participated in the conference and interacted with the participants.

1. Hosting AIW Partners National Meeting:

DBRC has organized a National level Consultation with partners of Alliance of Indian Waste Pickers on the 19th, 20th February, 2019 at Hotel Innotel, Vijayawada in collaboration with Jan Vikas Society. Totally, 81 Participants from 18 member organizations from 13 states participated along with 3 representatives from UNDP and WIPRO. During the meeting “Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR)” and the



need for the partner NGOs to register themselves as Producers Responsibility Organizations (PROs) were discussed. This consultation has helped in cross learning and understanding best practices.

2. Distribution of Essential Commodities:

Due to the Pedhai Cyclone, heavy rains have poured in Krishna District which has affected the waste pickers residing below the barrage and the bridge. The government authorities have asked the Waste pickers

to immediately move from there and they suffered due to lack of food. So, DBRC has provided them essentials commodities (10 kg Rice, 2 Kg dhal, 1 Packet of Oil). With the help of the local sponsors we could provide them with mosquito nets, mirror, sanitary napkins, and blankets to 70 families.



Achievements:

The team of DBRC is effectively contributing their services in facilitating waste pickers & sanitary workers with their social entitlements in GWI target areas. With the help of community leaders and other stake holders DBRC has brought significant results in each indicator of GWI:

A. Indicator - 1:

Guntur Waste Pickers Mutually Aided Thrift Cooperative Society Ltd is registered in Guntur and 137 waste pickers have become members of the cooperative. A 11 member committee consisting of waste pickers were formed and all procedures were developed for registering a cooperative in Vijayawada. And the Byelaws and other documents for Vijayawada's Cooperative have to be submitted to the Registrar of Cooperatives.

B. Indicator - 2:

During the FY 2018-2019, the following results have brought in the programme area:

- 166 Families achieved 1 Entitlement
- 112 Families achieved 2 Entitlement
- 88 Families achieved 3 or more Entitlements

C. Indicator - 3:

The following results have been achieved in the FY 2018-2019:

- 154 Waste pickers have achieved 1 entitlement.
- 84 Waste Pickers achieved 2 entitlements.
- 222 Waste Pickers achieved 3 or more entitlements.

Overall Achievement

The overall achievement of GWI during the period 2018 to 2019 are as follows.

Sl.No	Entitlements	Sanitary workers	Waste Pickers	Total
1	Caste Certificates	140	72	212
2	Residential Certificate	70	148	218
3	Income Certificate	102	31	133
4	Birth Certificate	34	6	40
5	Voter Card	0	22	22
6	Aadhar Card	112	381	493
7	Ration Card	47	116	163
8	Pan Card	189	38	227
9	Bank Account	14	113	127
10	Gas Connections	53	61	114
11	Widow Pension	18	10	28
12	Chandranna Bheema	19	62	81
13	Occupational Id Cards	0	853	853
14	Safety Equipment	0	487	487
15	GMC Incorporated	0	318	318
Total		798	2718	3516

III. Empowering Dalit Communities - EDC

The programme Empowering Dalit Communities EDC is aimed to develop in all socio-economic aspects improving the quality life. The EDC is proposed in Telangana state funded by Christian Aid to bring significant change among dalit communities – scheduled caste followed specified objectives.

Objective of EDC

1. Facilitate Convergence initiatives so that Dalit youth have access to Skill Development Training.
2. Training and entitlements of farmers and Dalit woman farmers who got land under SC sub plan scheme through convergence processes.
3. Promote Sustainable agriculture practices in selected villages.
4. Connecting the Dalit youth to Government Welfare Schemes.
5. Enhancing the livelihood opportunities through NREGS.
6. Monitoring of Sub Plan funds in the state for effective implementation.
7. Developing the Social Entrepreneurship among the selected youth.
8. State Advocacy initiatives.
9. District level Advocacy Initiatives (District Committee) to take up district level issues.
10. Monthly Meeting at District level.
11. Quarterly meeting of Programme Advisory Group.

EDC Operational Area

The EDC is implemented in 6 districts covering 20 blocks and 150 Gram Panchayats in Telangana state. The total population 217023 consisting 4500 dalit families are covered in the EDC programme.

S. No	Name of the district	Mandal/ Block	Gram Panchayat	Total Population	Total Families covered
1	Medak	3	25	36250	750
2	Siddipet	3	25	35625	750
3	Gajwel	4	25	34523	750
4	Kamareddy	3	25	36425	750
5	Warangal- Urban	3	25	37775	750
6	Warangal -Rural	4	25	36425	750
Total		20	150	217023	4500

Activities

The team of DBRC is keen to implement key objectives of EDC in the programme focused area. The activities are:

1. Youth Mobilisation for Skill Development Initiatives

- a. Total 1102 youth identified for skill development trainings and jobs.

2. Conducted Training Programmes & Exposure Visits

- a. Dalit Women farmers' are given agriculture related trainings & agriculture exposure visits for demonstration on organic farming and various allied agricultural issues.
- b. 500 farmers (each district 100 farmers) who have got the agriculture land under SC Sub Plan Schemes across five districts have been identified and mobilised for the training programmes.

3. Organised Seed Distribution & Demonstration of Sustainable Agriculture Practices

- a. Seed distributed to the Dalit women farmers and organized good demonstration of Sustainable Agriculture practices in across 25 villages through convergence processes.

2. Conducted District & State level meetings

- a. 200 SC youth underwent training and provided information on various welfare schemes and procedure to access schemes from the SC Corporation Organizing workshops at State and District level with the district and state level officials to discuss the lacuna in implementation of schemes and programmes.

3. Conducted Community Meetings to Utilize MGNREGS

- a. Identified various issues related to the worksite facilities, delay and pending payments & providing work under MGNREGS.

4. Conducted Workshops for Promoting Entrepreneurial Skills among Youth

- a. Identified 385 youth and trained on Social Entrepreneurship.

5. Conducted district level advocacy meetings on 3 important issues -

1. NREGS

2. Three Acres Land Purchase Scheme and 3. Dalit atrocities

- a. Submitted grievances to the concern departments in five districts.

Achievements

In order to achieve the objectives of EDC, the dedicated team of DBRC is constantly working for the development of Dalits in the programme implementation area and achieved significant results:

1. Covered 450 dalit farmers in the EDC programme area
2. 323 dalit women are received agriculture land under LPS (Land Purchase scheme) @ 3 acres per person in 24 villages of programme area.
3. 425 women farmers received seeds from the programme and encouraged for organic farming and vegetable cultivation.
4. 237 dalit youth were enrolled in the skill development trainings in Government and private agencies and expected jobs in couple of months.
5. 45 dalit youth got jobs in various sectors like Accountant, Computer Operator, Beautician, Hotel Management etc.
6. 77 dalit youth received loans from the SC Corporation.
7. 355 Dalit youth applied for various schemes under SC Corporation for entrepreneurial activities.
8. 1250 dalit families in 88 villages got accessed 100 working days of MGNREGS.
9. 385 youth were trained for social entrepreneurship trainings at district and state level
10. In the programme area, 18 villages have adopted organic farming and 29 women farmers started cultivation of organic farming.
11. Dalit women farmers came forward to develop their agriculture lands and willing to cultivate organic farming and constantly negotiating with the SC corporation to develop their lands
12. Majority of the Dalit youth are interested and attending in skill development programmes
13. District level officials /State level officials were extend their support in the similar activities (SC –Corporation – youth development trainings) & Agriculture officers and extension workers are attending and providing their support for the agriculture trainings.
14. SC corporation released their action plan (2018-2019) due to the coordination & advocacy efforts made by the DBRC in coordination with other CSOs
15. SC Corporation released pending budget for the self employment schemes of 2016-17 & 17-18 FYs, recently in Kamareddy, Medak and Siddipet district
16. RTI is effectively utilizing and accessing necessary information regarding the SC/ST funds.

IV. Study on Socio Economic Status of Dalits in Andhra Pradesh

The DBRC is undertaken a research study in collaboration with APSCCFC on Socio-Economic Status of Dalits in Andhra Pradesh.

The purpose of the study is to look at “Study on present Socio- Economic status, Gap Analysis and measures to be taken for bringing the gaps & Upliftment and Holistic Development of Scheduled castes communities in Andhra Pradesh.” To compare the Dalits of AP with other states with respect to strategies towards poverty alleviation and highlight the gaps in policies and suggest measures for non-discriminatory access to the focal schemes. Based on the findings should be able to suggest overall recommendation on how Dalits could be empowered in the AP state through intervention of APSCCFC and other stakeholder and to suggest what are the measures to be taken for bridging the gaps and for the holistic development of Scheduled Castes communities.

Current Status of the Study:

As per the schedule, field work has been completed carried by the trained research investigators. The data computing and analysis has been done and now working on report writing.

Field Challenges & Issues

- Non-cooperation of Government authorities in the field.
- Local threatening
- Lack of transport facilities in the field etc.

Study Area & Sampling

The research study has conducted in 4 districts Visakhapatnam, West Godavari, Guntur and Anantapuram of Andhra Pradesh State. The total sampling of the study covered 1440 households in 48 villages in the study area.



Visakhapatnam



West Godavari



Guntur



Anantapur



1440
households



48
villages



Cyclone Titli severely hit the Coastal Districts of Srikakulam and Vijayanagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh state on 11 October 2018. This resulted in the death of 11 people and over 1 million people were affected. The cyclone threw normal life out of gear as heavy to very heavy rains started lashing the two districts. These districts have observed extensive devastation as a result of the Severe cyclone with a speed of 130-140 kmph and subsequent flooding which led to severe damages to more than 1297 villages. The cyclone hugely impacted the local communities as they were severely affected under power blackout, non-supply of drinking water and non-availability of essential commodities, NFIs and emergency shelter supplies.

Titli Cyclone Relief

The devastation has left behind many challenges not only in disaster management but also in building sustainable resilient systems and mechanisms. There is loss of life, severe destruction of public and private properties, death of livestock. This cyclone has also affected the livelihood of very large number of people because of large scale damage/losses to agriculture and horticulture crops, animal husbandry and fisheries besides widespread damages to a number of houses that got marooned/inundated/damaged.

Titli Cyclone Relief Work was taken up in Koththuru mandal of Srikakulam District and Kurupam mandal of Vijayanagaram Districts of Andhra Pradesh with the support of START Fund and Christian Aid. The programme



has catered to provide immediate response to 2200 families in these 2 mandals of 2 districts. The programme also has focused on bringing a positive change in the peoples approach, practices and knowledge with regard to WASH i.e Water, Sanitation and Hygiene.

We have distributed Non Food Items and Hygiene kits such as Tarpaulin Top Sheet, Tarpaulin ground sheet, blankets, bedsheets, towels, cotton roll, plastic bucket lid & mug, plastic comb, mirror, soap box, tooth brush, colgate paste, wheel powder, savlon liquid, sanitary napkins, cotton roll, mosquito net and sewing kit.



Later, the team undertook post distribution monitoring (PDM) by interviewing 218 families to validate the receipt and utilization of NFI and hygiene kits and evaluate the overall effectiveness of the distribution process. This also helped us to identify the gaps and limitations for future learning.

Conclusion

During the FY 2018-19, the DBRC has brought significant results each programme which is being implemented in both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state. To achieve the objective of each programme, the DBRC has adopted unique strategies and implemented in the field by the dedicated team and they went to exposure visits to other state for cross learning and skill up gradation.

For EDA programme, with the efforts of DBRC, students' diet charges have been increased in different levels and students received pre-metric scholarship amount in time, improved infrastructure and basic amenities in more than 225 hamlets in the EDA implementation area, it is great achievement that 981 women headed households have legal entitlements on homestead land and also received financial assistance for construction of new house under housing scheme.

The implementation of GWI, DBRC is the pioneer institute working for welfare of waste pickers. In this process, innovative initiatives have been implemented to bring them on main stream. For welfare of waste pickers and sanitary workers, Guntur Waste Pickers Mutually Aided Thrift Cooperative Society Ltd is registered in Guntur and 137 waste pickers have become members of the cooperative. A committee consisting 11 members of waste pickers were formed and all procedures were developed for registering a cooperative in Vijayawada. With regard to entitlements, total 3516 members received 15 categories of entitlements. The total 120 school dropout children of waste pickers are rejoined at the school and bridge schools are established in the GWI, in addition to this, medical camps are organized and facilitated healthcare services to the waste pickers.

With regard to EDC, incredible results have brought by the DBRC team. In the EDC area, 323 Dalit women are received agriculture land under LPS (Land Purchase scheme) @ 3 acres per person in 24 villages. 425 women farmers received seeds from the programme and encouraged for organic farming and vegetable cultivation. 237 Dalit youth were enrolled in the skill development trainings in Government and private agencies and expected jobs in couple of months. 45 Dalit youth got jobs in various sectors like Accountant, Computer Operator, Beautician, Hotel Management etc. 77 Dalit youth received loans from the SC Corporation. 355 Dalit youth applied for various schemes under SC Corporation for entrepreneurial activities. 385 youth were trained for social entrepreneurship trainings at district and state level and 18 villages have adopted organic farming and 29 women farmers started cultivation of organic farming.

With these cumulative results and gratitude behavior of the beneficiaries in the focused areas are made more accountability to strive DBRC for the welfare & development of Dalits, Adivasi and Marginalised communities in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States.



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