



Council for Rural Enlightenment (CRE) : Piler Annual Progress Report for 202- 22



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Annual Progress Report 2021-22

Council for Rural Enlightenment (CRE) is a registered non governmental organization. It has registered under Societies Registration Act 1860 with registration number is 394 of 1994. The CRE had completed the age of 27 years in providing services to the benefit of small & marginal farmers, agricultural laborers, children and youth in erstwhile Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh.

Governing body : The CRE has distinct board of directors with multi specialized persons in the areas of Natural resource Management, Organic farming, Farmer Producer Organizations, climate resilience agricultural production systems etc. Present board members are:

Name	Position	Education	Experience In RD Activities
1. C. Chandrasekhar Reddy	President	BA	23 years
2. R. Dineshkumar	Vice president	B.Sc (Horticulture)	21 years
3. Dr.S. Prahalladaiah	Secretary	M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D	22 years
4. Sarada	Treasurer	M.A	10 years
5. S. Mohan	E.C. Member	B.A.	12 years
6. K.V.Ramana	E.C. Member	B.Com.	24 years
7. C. Hemalatha	E.C. Member	BA	9 years

Objectives of the organization:

The CRE has been working with the following objectives:

- To empower the of women on financial management and social activates
- To empower the farmers on promotion of organic farming and sustainable agricultural practices
- To empower the villagers on Water and sanitation program
- To lake up various developmental programs for the benefit of labour communities
- To create awareness on environment to maintain the ecological balance
- To support to Youth to taken up various skill development programs and create self employment

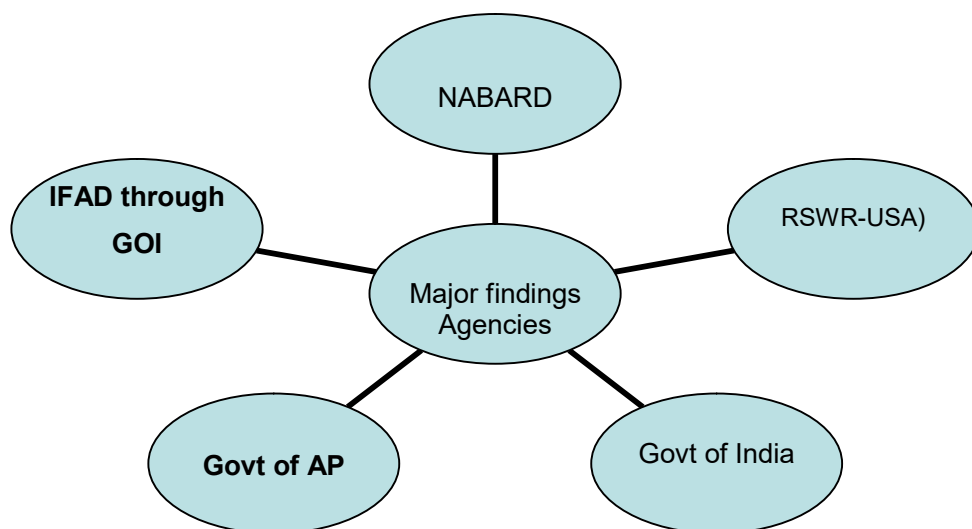
- To taken up programs on promoting of child rights
- To take up various activities for promotion of sustainable livelihoods for the poor

Major areas of work: The CRE has been working with the following thematic areas

- Climate resilience Agricultural development
- Organic farming with value chain development
- Natural Resource Management with special focus of soil and water conservations, rain water harvesting
- Dairy development
- Skill development for women and youth for self employment
- Farmer Producer Organizations and their strengthening as viable business institutions

Geographical area of CRE : The CRE has been working is in Annamayya and Tirupati districts of Andhra Pradesh (erstwhile Chittoor district) .

Funding Agencies: The CRE has been providing services to the targeted farmers with the financial support from the following donars to achieve their objectives:



Projects are in progress by CRE:

The CRE has been taken up two major projects during the year 2021-22.

- Hand holding support to three FPOs promoted under Andhra Pradesh Drought Mitigation Project (APDMP)
- Watershed Activities at Vadlakunta sanctioned by NABARD:

C. Gender activities

A. Hand holding support to three FPOs:

The CRE is promoting three Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) in KV Palli, Kalakada and Kalikiri mandals with the objective of to create viable and sustainable farmer institutions to cater all types of needs of the member farmers. Each FPO has been conducting monthly once scheduled meetings, discussing the farmer issues and taking decisions. Each member paid Rs.1050/- to FPO (including Rs.1000/- for share capital, Rs.10/- for membership fee and Rs.40/- for shavings).

A.1 Membership and share capital:

The following table depicts the FPO wise details of membership, share capital and savings.

Name of the FPO & Mandal	Households joined in FPO			Membership, share capital & Savings paid (Rs.)		
	Total	Male	Female	Membership fee	Share capital	Savings
Bhumatha FPO, KV Palli Mandal	740	450	290	7400	740000	29600
Ushodaya FPO, Kalakada Mandal	750	464	286	7500	750000	30000
Maabhoomi FPO, Kalikiri Mandal	669	441	228	6690	669000	26760
Total	2159	1355	804	21590	2159000	86360

There is a separate 9 member Executive committee for each FPO to take decisions on behalf of their members by due preference given to women representation in the Executive committee. Agenda based meetings are held and recording all the decisions to further dissemination to all members

A.2 Business activities of FPOs:

All three FPOs were established business centers for sale of cattle feed, sprayers, tarpaulins etc to their member farmers. The FPOs are selling the products low rates compared to local dealers with high quality standards.

A.3 Trainings to FPO BoD members:

The CRE is provided training to FPO Board of Directors on 6 self-learning modules to strengthen their activities recommended by NABARD. They are importance of

FPOs, membership at FPOs, services of FPOs, roles and responsibilities of EC, financial management practices, bylaws and legal compliances. They are able to maintain their FPOs on their own.

A.4 Customer hiring centers:

Providing hand holding support for managing of Custom Hiring Centers (CHCs) in three Mandals. The CRE is established these centers with an investment of Rs.10.00 lakhs per FPO. Each center has Agricultural machineries & equipments like tractor, cultivator, rotator, seed cum fertilizer driller, power weeders, Taiwan sprayers, harvester, Brush cutters are kept available to access the small and marginal farmers with nominal rental basis to utilize in their agriculture field and reduce their input cost of cultivation. The price list of services available in each custom Hiring center is displayed to create transparency in all activities and to get confidence among the member farmers. Every month the each FPO is getting Rs.10,000 profit from the CHCs

B. Watershed Activities at Vadlakunta sanctioned by NABARD:

The NABARD has sanctioned Vadlakunta watershed at KV palli mandal of Annamayya district of Andhra Pradesh. Vadlakunta is a remote village where there are no developmental activities taken place. Most of the farmers are depended on rainfed agriculture particularly ground nut.

The CRE is formed a watershed committee with 13 pro-active farmers from different social categories. The CRE is taken up the following activities in watershed area

- Capacity Building Plan is prepared and submitted to NABARD
- Organized exposure visit to Palamaner sheep rearing center for the benefit of committee members
- Organized exposure visit to Regional Agricultural Research stations activities on ground nut at Tirupati
- Organized exposure visit to watershed activities at thavvavandlapalli where NABARD promoted watershed activities are in progress and yielding good results.

C. Gender :

To encourage women in the developmental activities, the CRE is encouraged women to join into FPOs. 37% of FPO members are women. Preference given to

women in Executive committees of FPOs. Identified women from pop families to provide support for local breed poultry and night shelters.

3. Audit Reports: 2021-22 : The CRE is completed the Annual Audit for the financial year 2021-22 with the support of T.Chandrababu & Co, Chartered Accountants, Tirupati..

- The total Assets of the organization is Rs.18.80 lakhs

Visitors to Watershed Area :



DDMs of NABARD Sri Suneel garu and Sri Vijayvihari Garu attended the watershed area of Vadlakunta and interacted with farmers on progress of activities