



## Council for Rural Enlightenment (CRE) : Piler Annual Progress Report for 2022-23



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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 has been providing multiple services to the benefit of small & marginal farmers, agricultural laborers, children and youth in Annamayya and Tirupati districts of Andhra Pradesh (erstwhile Chittoor district).

**Governing body:** A seven member governing body 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
1. C. Chandrasekhar Reddy	President	BA
2. R. Dineshkumar	Vice president	B.Sc (Horticulture)
3. Dr.S. Prahalladaiah	Secretary	M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D
4. Sarada	Treasurer	M.A
5. S. Mohan	E.C. Member	B.A.
6. K.V.Ramana	E.C. Member	B.Com.
7. C. Hemalatha	E.C. Member	BA

#### **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 take 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 in Y.V.Palem, mandal in Tirupati district, K.V.Palli, Kalakada, Kalikiri and Kodur block of 5 mandals in Annamayya districts of Andhra Pradesh during the reporting period .



**Projects are in progress during the reporting period:**

1. Two Watershed development programmes are in progress with support from NABARD in Y.V.Palem and K.V.Palli mandals :

**a) Vadalakunta watershed programme :**

- Capacity Building Project activities : Area treatment and drainage line treatment activities are in progress
- FIP activities: organized two Gram sabhas with 102 farmers, discussed various farmer issues and explained the activities to be taken up in FIP.
- Organized 6 trainings on participations of labourers in watershed activities and 244 persons are participated in the training
- Organized three exposure visits to VWDC and proactive farmers to RARS, KVK at Tirupati, for new and innovative practices and SMC activities to old watersheds at Bhakarapeta. 45 farmers were participated in exposures.



**b) Usthiyalapenta watershed programme :**

- CBP Activities: Organized various trainings under CBP project. Completed two labour trainings with 56 persons, two trainings to VWDC with 39



participants, organized two exposures with 47 farmers and organized one gram sabha with 52 farmers,

- c) Final Implementation Project – 1 activities are in progress at usthikayalapeta. Completed 6 farm ponds, 2 Dugout Ponds, 300 mtrs of supply channel, 700 mtrs VAT, 700 DLH plants, completed 6 vermi compost pits for promotion of natural farming practices.

- d) Livelihood Activities: one petty shop to landless, one NPM shop to women with practicing natural farming activities, One flour mill to women for creating self-employment opportunities.

- e) New farm bunding and MPT activities are in progress,



2. **Supply of Drinking water:** Government of AP is empanelled CRE as Implementation Support Agency (ISA) for Implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in 129 gram Panchayats of Kodur block of Annamayya district. The CRE staff is providing support to all 129 gram panchayats in Kodur block.

3. Organized 5 Animal health camps in vadlakunta watershed areas and about 500 cattle benefited with the camps.

4. **Financial literacy programmes :** Conducted Orientation to 30 Self Help Groups (SHGs) on importance of financial literacy at chinnagottigallu mandal. Conducted training on women empowerment and financial literacy at Manchalamanda village and 50 members benefited.

5. **Skill trainings:** Organized one day trained 30 SHG women on tailoring at Usthikayalapenta with support of Jana Sikshana Samstha (JSS), Tirupati. The duration of the training is 90 days.

**6. Training on insurance activities :**

- Regular orientation on importance of Pradhan Mantri Jeevana Jyothi Bhima Yojana (PMJJBY) and utilization of subsidized insurance schemes in both Vadlakunta and usthikayalapenta watershed areas.
- **Regular orientation on importance of Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bhima Yojana (PMSBY).** Hand holding support to three FPOs promoted under Andhra Pradesh Drought Mitigation Project (APDMP)



## 7. Hand holding support to three FPOs:

The CRE is promoted Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) in three clusters (KV Palli, Kalakada and Kalikiri mandals) as part of APDMP. Though the programme is closed by the government, the CRE providing hand holding support to the FPOs to cater the services to their members. The financial position of the FPOs are presented in the following table.

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

- **Business activities of FPOs:** Input marketing activities like agri implements and agri machinery activities are in progress. FPO CEO is providing support to them with the handholding support from CRE staff.

## 8. Legal compliances :

- **Book keeping and accounts:** CRE has updated the books of accounts and used tally for accounts.
- **External Audit:** Completed external audit for financial year 2022-23 with the support of T.Chandrababu & Co, Chartered Accountants, Tirupati. The total Assets of the organization is Rs.32.89 lakhs.
- **Annual general body meetings and returns submission:** CRE is organized its Annual General body meeting as per the norms and submitted the annual filing documents to the District Registrar of Societies.
- **Filed income tax:** CRE is filled income tax returns on regular basis.

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