

PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IN THE RURAL AT SATHIYAVEDU

Title of the Project	:	Empowerment of Women in the Rural at Sathiyavedu
Name & Address of the applicant	:	Sr. Jessie Chandra, F.B.S., Bon Secours Convent, Agraharam , Sathiyavedu, Chittoor District – 517588. Andhra Pradesh, India.
Legal Holder	:	Very. Rev. Sr. Lourdu Mary, F.B.S., Superior General, Bon Secours Generalate, Karayanchavadi, Poonamallee, Chennai – 600 056.
Registration of the Society	:	Reg. No.075820093
Bank	:	South Indian Bank.
Auditors	:	Thomas & Co.C.A.
Location of the Project	:	Catholic Mission Centre, Chennai Road, Agraharam, Sathiyavedu, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh, India.

History of the Congregation

The seed of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Bon Secours was sown on 18th September 1858 by the French Priest Julian Charles Lehodey, M.E.P., in Pondichery. This order was transferred to Mylapore, Madras Diocese in 1894. In his love for Christ he started this Congregation with 7 sisters. At present there are more than 985 Sisters serving the Lord, serving the poor. By its selfless service it has got its Pontifical Status in 19th June 1981. Sisters working in 120 Convents in 25 Diocese in all over India. There are few communities in Italy. The motto of our Congregation is “God in All, All in God”.

Our branch convent in the village of Sathiyavedu, Chittoor District, Andrapradesh was established in the year 1991. For the past 10 years our Sisters are doing evangelization and Nursing care to the sick people.

Background Information

Sathiyavedu is a small village in the Chittoor District of Andrapradesh. It is one of the parishes of Diocese of Cuddappa. There are about 15,000 people in this village. There are about 500 villages in the surroundings of Sathiyavedu in 30 small hamlets. The standard of their living is so poor that they find difficult to meet out their essential needs such as food, shelter and clothing. The reason is half of the population is agricultural labourers and don't get their wages regularly. The other half of the population is employed as daily wages at the handlooms and even to the extent of being slaves under the owners of the looms. There seems to be no hope for those people to get out of this situation as the literacy rate is less than 20%. It is certain that as long as they live in this situation, the parents will not be able to educate their children and the villagers will ever remain uneducated unless a service minded organization like us take initiative to bring these people out of this situation.

Our Activities

Sathiyavedu has a cluster of 8 Villages. We do Social and Medical services to all the 8 villages having total population of 15,000.

Our services include:

- I) Visiting houses and giving counseling.
- II) Giving knowledge on health and hygiene and immunization.
- iii) Antinatal and postnatal care for pregnant women.
- iv) Importing knowledge on preventive methods of diseases which are very common.
- v) Giving simple handy home remedies.
- vi) Giving practical knowledge and job on embroidery, sewing for the dropouts and uneducated girls of the villagers. Thus making them independent and financial support for their families.
- vii) Inducing the interest for 'SAVING' and thus making them dream of the good future.
- viii) Support daily wagers and reduce their burden by conducting crèche at our house. This increase their confidence and they are able to concentrate on their work.
- ix) We have a power loom with second hand machines by which around 20 families are benefited .

Project development

As the existing Machines are second hand Machines bought out of financial difficulties, they fall into repair very often, putting all dependents into trouble. If we could be helped to buy four new Machines, and the existing Machines are brought to a good condition, they could be put into good use, by which at least 40 families be benefited to begin with.

We don't have proper roofed place for the women who do embroidery work and the "CRECHE". So it becomes very difficult to carryout the work during rainy or very hot days of the year. Hence it is very important to have separate building for CRECHE, for the power loom section, for the embroidery section and the tailoring section.

Estimation

Total Construction Area	-	6887sq ft.
Rate per Sq ft	-	Rs. 495.00(Four Hundred and ninety - five only).
Hence the Total Construction Cost	-	Rs. 34,09,065.00/- (Rupees Thirty-four Lakhs nine thousands and sixty-five only).
64" Reed Space 4xI Drop Box Underpick 4Powerloom		Rs. 4,39,472.00/-
Total	-	Rs. 38,48,537.00/-
Local Contribution	-	Rs. 80,000.00/-
Amount Requested	-	<u>Rs. 37,68,537.00/-</u>

Thanking you in anticipation

Date :
Place : Sathiyavedu

Yours Sincerely,