

**REPORT ON HUDHUD CYCLONE RELIEF ACTIVITY in KITUMULA CLUSTER OF
CHINTAPALLI MANDAL, SUPPORTED BY AASARA OF VIZAG & FACILITATED
BY KOVEL FOUNDATION**

On 22nd November'14 received a phone call from Sri. Ramarao garu, President, Aasaraa, Visakhapatnam expressed his anxiety to extend service to the HUDHUD cyclone affected tribal communities. Myself and Sri. Vijay Lanka, PD, Kovel Foundation attended him in person and discussed on selection of villages, need assessment and implementation of the program i.e. distribution of relief material. I have put forwarded the survey details already collected by the Kovel Foundation as Busibanda and Puligondi of kitumala gram panchayath of Chintapalli mandal of Visakhapatnam district are badly affected villages and they are considered as Primarily Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG).

On 24th November'14, the activity has been started, the list of the villages was circulated among the members and an amount of Rs.50000 has been pooled out within a short span of 3 days.

I have appraised the proposal of the Aasaraa to the CEO, Kovel foundation Sri V. Krishnarao, is well appreciated.

On 25th November'14 needs assessed by the field team of Kovel Foundation lead by Mr.Gajendra kumar, Mr.Venkata rao and Mr. Ramarao and finalized to distribute, cooking utensils, Woolen blankets etc. This information submitted to the President, Aasaraa.

On 26th Novemeber'14 Mr.Ramarao, President, Aasaraa constituted a purchase committee of 3 members and purchased 46 sets of best quality utensils and a pair of woolen blankets per house hold. On the same day fixed the date of distribution as 29th November'14.

It is decided by the team members of the two organizations to attend the cyclone relief distribution at Busibanda and Puligondi villages of Kitumala Gram Panchayath.

The team members are 1.Sri. M. Ramarao, President, AAsaraa; 2.Sri. Purushottam, Member, Aasaraa; 3.Sri. Somayajulu, Member, Aasaraa; 4.Sri. V.Shanmukha rao, PC-NTFP, Kovel Foundation; 5.Sri.G.Srinivas, PC-Advocacy, Kovel Foundation.

Entire mobilization, organization at field level is taken care by Mr.Gajendra Kumar, MACs coordinator, Kovel Foundation, Visakhapatnam District, Mr.Ramarao, CC, Mr.Venkatarao, CMT and community resource persons of kitumala cluster.

The team has reached Rakota village with a hired mini truck at 11 am, after receiving the Aasaraa team at Lambasingi center who arrived by bus. We reached the hill top village Busibanda with materials for distribution on foot for 4 kms from the motor able road. After introduction about the organizations and the self-less spirit behind the program sponsored by the benevolent Aasaraa an NGO working for poor who are thriving for higher studies in the Andhra Pradesh state. Now extending their service to the victims of the cyclone on 12th October 2014 by way of donating the cooking utensils and a pair of woolen blankets.

About the Village: This village is located on the hill top inaccessible, is at 35 kms away from mandal Head quarter, unreachable and in the midst of dense forest. Total households of the village are 17; all of them are primitively vulnerable tribal group (PVTG). This group establishes their habitations where there is water source, small patch of cultivable land cultivation and dense forest to lead their life by collecting forest produces (NTFPs). The pattern of cultivation is podu or shifting cultivation on sloppy hill patches. They follow mixed cropping pattern of cultivation and grow all kinds of millets, pulses, tubers, creepers etc. with different crop durations and sowing methods. So that they can get some returns throughout the year for survival.

In this interior village the team has interacted with village elders and community while interaction the women folk has narrated the way the disaster occurred in the village and ran away to the nearby village to save their lives in a pacca building where they starved for 3days and was rescued by the gram panchayat sarpanch. Later the team has distributed set of items consisting stainless steel water pot, cooking utensils, 2 woolen blankets to 17 families in the village and from there the team has visited Puligondhi village and distributed the items to 29 families.

On the way from Busigondi to Rakota (about 3 kms) the team removed a tree which is across the road with the advice of Sri Ramarao garu, President, Aasaraa the team's effort.

In turn community has expressed their gratitude for the timely help extended by AASARAA and also the kovel who facilitated this event.

The team has started back to vizag at 6.30pm and reached at 9.30pm by bus.

Fallow Photos of the Activity:











































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