



CONARE

Conservation of Nature through Rural Awakening

Annual Report 2019-2020



Message from President

CONARE (Conservation of Nature through Rural Awakening) has completed two decades of its journey towards welfare and development of most marginalized communities who are deprived of developmental opportunities. The strategically designed and implemented interventions are continuously impacting the lives of more than ten thousand communities living in rural villages and urban areas of Nagarkurnool, Nalgonda and Ranga Reddy districts.



I am glad to release the 21st Annual Report for the year 2019-2020 of our organization. This year has witnessed many significant projects especially the food security and empowerment interventions for the Adivasi communities has promoted the food security through the Agro-eco approach, strengthened the community forest resource management and helped in development of model habitations on food security. The climate proofing interventions have increased the irrigation efficiency, soil health and productivity enhancements, risk mitigation through developing knowledge among the farmers. Farmers producer's organizations were promoted by us among the models of effectiveness in production and management of commercial as well as food crops. Our work towards educational development of children has been commending with building the capacities of teachers, school management committees to promote quality of education for the children.

In the efforts of our successful journey of reaching the goals and continuously addressing the needs of the communities. I would like to thank our entire team on the ground for their committed work, the board members of the organization who have guided the team with their experience and expertise for quality delivery of activities and strategic guidance. I like to thank all the officials, grassroots functionaries, teachers from Education, Forest, Tribal Welfare, Women and Child Welfare departments for their collaboration, participation and support in implementation of activities. I would also extend my hearty thanks to the Save the Children, NABARD, Centre for Peoples Forestry and all donors for providing financial support to the organization.

We would like to continue our efforts of reaching more vulnerabilities communities in most difficult terrains and also urban areas with significant focus on climate change, livelihoods, skill development, education, women empowerment, health and humanitarian work.

M.A. Saleem
President

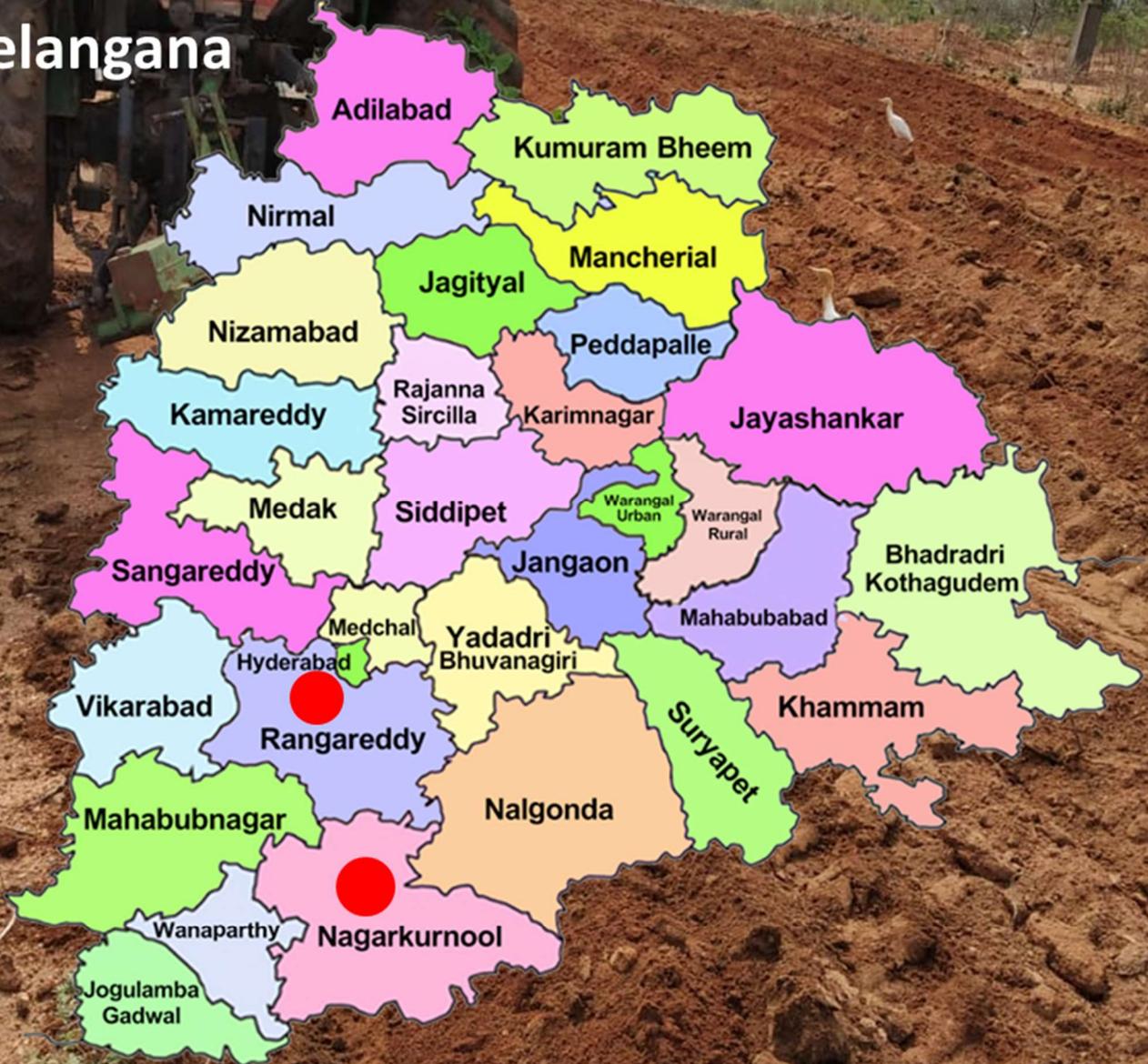
ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Promoting sustainable livelihoods for the poor tribal farmers through trainings and resources in organic farming

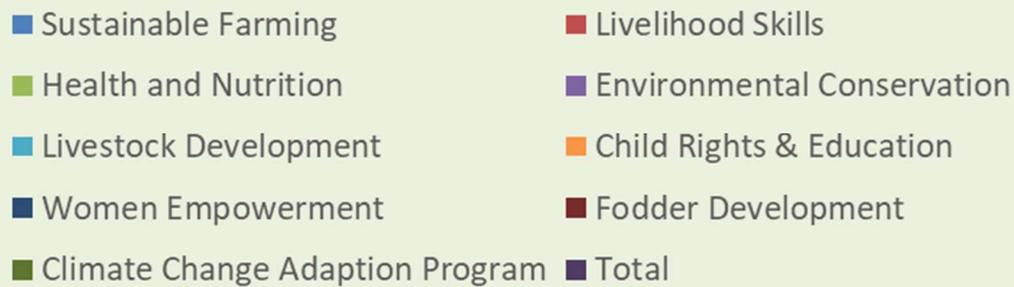
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REACH THROUGH DIFFERENT PROGRAMS



CLIMATE PROOFING



Climate Proofing

In view of the changing climatic conditions, CONARE in collaboration with NABARD has been initiated interventions towards promoting the practices of adoptive agriculture practices in view of changing climatic conditions to enhance their yield and productivity through natural resource management. Over a period the interventions have significantly contributed in bringing changes in the agriculture patterns with changing seasons among the farmers in 10 villages of 2 mandals. The activities of moisture conservation by construction of farm ponds, increasing irrigation efficiency through installation of demo rain gun, development of fodder plots for soil health and productivity enhancements, promotion of floriculture, livestock management, trainings on pondal based agriculture, integrated farming system and linkage with government has changed the way of agriculture in the 10 villages grossly benefiting 200 marginal farmers by enhancing productivity of food and commercial crops apart from taking up horticulture and floriculture activities in their farms, thus increasing their economic and social status.

Moisture conservation Measure: Farm ponds in the agricultural field of the farmers were constructed by mobilizing them on its advantages for enhancing their productivity in agriculture by optimum utility of water, increased ground water level in the borewells and as well as in improving alternative livelihoods for enhancement of income levels.

Increasing Irrigation Efficiency: In the efforts of increasing irrigation efficiency for the farmers, Rain guns were installed at the farm lands of 10 farmers which has resulted in enhancing their irrigation areas due to its high frequency of water sprinkling.

Soil health and Productivity enhancement: Fodder plots have been developed by dedicating a portion of agricultural field of farmers. Trainings have been provided to the farmers on development of fodder plots with an understanding on nutrient low cost varieties of fodder and management of plots for increased productivity and usage in collaboration with Regional Forage Station and Animal Husbandry Departments. Apart from this distribution seeds free of cost and on subsidies by the respective departments.

Floriculture: On a mission to promote floriculture among the farmers towards promoting alternative cropping based on the market demands was taken up by distribution of flower seeds to the targeted farmers along with providing them with brief knowledge and understanding on crop management and marketing processes for getting adequate price for the yield. As a result of this a small farmer have able to enhance their income by Rs.7000/- by selling the flowers in the open markets.



Pandal Based Cultivation: Training cum exposure visit to the farmers on Pandal Based Cultivation was organized. The activity has built knowledge and understanding the participants on establishment and management of Pandal Based cultivation method for enhancing their productivity. 20 Farmers were benefited through the trainings.

Promotion of Multicropping: Training cum exposure on mulching and multicropping cultivation system is conducted in Kangal village of Nalgonda District, the activity was a part of Climate Proofing initiative of the organization. 56 Farmers were provided training followed by exposure visit. These trainings have developed skills and understanding among the beneficiaries to enhance their cultivation methods for enhanced productivity.



An impact of Deep Ploughing Activity

In Madapur the absence of adequate knowledge among the farmers on advantages ploughing has always disappointing in getting sufficient yield. Post to our interventions in the field areas through continuous trainings and resources they started following deep ploughing during the summers and after a year of this practice they are visibly seen the increase in crop yield and less weeding, hibernation of insects and disease causing organisms. Apart from this the other benefits and changes the farmers witnessed are that they could able to grow vegetables along with the Groundnut, maize, cotton which are main crops from them. The vegetables they are using for self-consumption as well as for selling into the markets for enhancing their income levels.

Training on livestock management: As a part of interventions it was noted that many of the marginal farmers are in possession of livestock and its management was a challenge for many of them. In view of the challenges of the livestock holders we have organized a Onsite Livestock management training with the support of ANGRAU, Rajendranagar. The resource persons from the university and department of Animal Husbandry and Forage Research Station have provided them with knowledge on disease management, stall feeding, fodder management, breeding and managing the milk yield of cattle and rearing of animals for better productivity. 17 farmers have participated in the training and are effectively effectively managing their livestock.





Impact Story

Farm Ponds for enhanced productivity

Pilli Malliah is a native of Mailaram village in Balmoor mandal a farmer by profession with 6 acres of land holdings is one of the beneficiary of our interventions. prior to our interventions in the area farmers like Mallaiah use to end up with marginal yield with huge efforts due to lack of knowledge on climatic adoptive agriculture and lack of sufficient water resources. Our interventions of creating awareness, skill building trainings and support in moisture conservation activitie in the village through farm ponds has changed the way of agriculture among the farmers. Malliah has dedicated part of some of his land towards establishment of farm pond has resulted in enhancing his productivity in agriculture,Mailliah who earlier ends up with cultivation of very few crops is now growing seasonal vegetables along with commercial crops like cotton and food crops padddy and maize. Alternatively he has been raising fish in his pond and selling it in the markets along with vegetables and other crops. As a result of this Malliah's income is increased by 20% of his current income.

FOOD SECURITY INTERVENTIONS



Food Security and Empowerment of Adivasi Communities

The sustainable livelihoods and empowerment of Adivasi communities project being supported by Bread for World, in 12 villages and 4 mandals have created significant impact on the lives of poor Adivasi communities living in the fringe villages of Amrabad Tiger Reserve. The strategic activities of developing knowledge and skills on agriculture development, advanced cultivation techniques, cropping patterns, soil and moisture conservation for enhanced yielding and awareness on nutritional diet. Apart from this the interventions have facilitated establishment of Tribal Farmers Service Centres (TFSC), formation and strengthening Community Forest Resources Management Committees (CFRMCs), Village Coordination Groups (VCGs) and preparation of model village plans and promoting balanced nutrition among the communities.



Tribal Farmer Service Centres (TFSCs): These Centres are established in 12 villages and equipped with latest agricultural tools and implements for the usage of marginal farmers, who cannot afford to purchase them. The TFSCs have given opportunity to the farmers on utilizing the agriculture tools and equipment's as per their requirements by paying a minimum user charges to the TFSC manager, who will save this money for purchasing of more equipment and tools for providing to more farmers and towards their maintenance as well. Apart from this services the TFSCs are also engaged in training and orientation of farmers on agri-management, usage of tools, linkage development with government departments for subsidies and services.

Promoting Consumption of Balanced Nutrition Diet:

Towards promoting nutrition among the pregnant and lactating tribal women and their infants, we have conducted village level awareness meetings followed by demonstration of nutrition recopies with the support of ICDS department and School teachers and Gram Panchayats. As a result of this activity the farmers are giving priority and preference on cultivating vegetables for their own consumption for balanced nutritional diets for their children, pregnant and lactating women. Over the period 147 people have benefited through this program.



Strengthening Community Forest Resource Management Committees (CFRMCs)

have been one of the initiative which has focused on building the capacities of these committees towards conservation of forests, non-exploitation of forest resources and management of natural resources and its optimum utilization for the larger benefits of the communities through development of Community Forest Management plans in 6 villages thus benefiting 1045 people. These Community Forest Management Plans have been developed through conducting village level surveys by using Participatory Research Analysis tools, focussed group discussions, mapping of resources and by conducting meetings with the tribal communities on utility and conservation of resources.



Village Community Groups meetings were organized on a regular basis towards creating awareness on the resources and its utility as well as linking them to the government departments for getting subsidies and services and also to build their capacities to represent their issues to the concerned authorities. As a result of this 14 farmers have received fodder seeds from Animal Husbandry department, a General Health Check-up camp conducted towards addressing seasonal health issues, Electrical poles were erected in 2 villages to provide street lighting and electricity to the houses. Construction of school building in Macharam villages and sanctioning of bore for drinking water in Srirangapur village.



Model Habitation promotion is one of the significant interventions being taken up by the organization on a pilot basis in Errapenta Village in the issues and resources were mapped and addressed in terms of submission of representation for roads for connectivity to the village, construction of compound wall and total sanitation in the village, drainage facility to discharge rain water accumulation in village, livelihood promotion to the villagers, health camps and distribution of mosquito nets through facilitation of government departments.



Towards a Sustainable Livelihoods

My name is Guruvaiah I belong to the Chenchu tribe and living in BK Uppunutala village along with my wife and 6 children. our family is dependent on NTFP collection from the forests as I do not have possess much skills on agriculture and even could not able to afford tools and implements for cultivation so that I can use it for better productivity, due to which I have ended up with working as daily wage labor alternatively when we do not find much NTFP in the forests. I don't have any cattle or poultry too and thus with the limited earnings I am managing my family's day to day needs with great difficulties. In the process for searching for some alternative earning opportunities, I have met with CONARE organization team members who have enrolled me into their project and worked on building my skills on agriculture by involving me in trainings, awareness programs along with providing linkages with the government departments and also provided me with agriculture implements. Over a period of I have able to learn the farming skills and have taken a land on lease and started by own cultivation and selling my produces in the markets and getting a dignified income. Now I can able to send my children to the schools, instead of engaging them in NTFP collection along me.



EDUCATION TO EMPOWERMENT



Education to Empowerment

In the process promoting and protecting the rights of children living in the tribal and rural areas, we have collaborated with Save the Children towards creating educational opportunities for the children. The main focus of our interventions are improving the learning outcomes of children through strengthening early childhood care and education by working with 50 Anganwadi Centers and 50 government schools to promote quality education by equipping the school's teaching learning resources and equipment's apart from capacity building of teachers, school management committees and children groups.



Capacity building of teachers: 83 teachers from the 50 schools have been trained capacity building of teachers on pedagogy and innovative teaching learning and development. These trainings have been organized in collaboration with state resource group teachers from State Council for Education Research and Training (SCERT) and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). The trainings have resulted in promoting child friendly and quality learning environment in schools thus foreseeing increased retention rates of children in the schools and decreased child labour in the area.



Awareness and sensitization campaigns were organized on Right to Education, importance of girl's education and safety, roles and responsibilities of School management committees, the awareness campaigns involved poster campaign, village level meetings and folk shows. Over the period 4 awareness and sensitization campaigns were organized involving the parents, PRI members, officials and SMC members.

School Enrolment and Retention Drives: Towards identification and enrolment of children into the formal schools of the government, we have actively participated in BADIBATA program being conducted every year by the Department of Education. The campaign involved door to door survey for identification of school age, dropout and

child labour, counselling of parents and community level meetings. As a result of our campaigning efforts the 5 villages in Lingal and Amrabad Mandal have passed resolutions in their gram panchayats to strengthen government schools by discouraging sending their children to private schools. During the campaign 742 children were transited from Anganwadi centres to schools.

Formation and strengthening of MPSs and Anganwadi Development Committees is an initiative taken by the organization towards strengthening and formulating Anganwadi Development committees in 50 Anganwadi centres, during the process the Anganwadi workers, Asha workers, Village Sarpanch, Self-Help group leaders were involved and oriented them on their roles and responsibility towards bringing changes in the lives of children through Anganwadi Centres.

Formation and strengthening of SMC federations is an initiative towards facilitating formation of the School Management Committee Federations at the Mandal and district level. During the period, 2 SMC Federations have been formed and their capacities were strengthened through trainings and orientation programs by the organization. As a result of this the SMC Federations are addressing the school level needs of the children through submission of representations to the concerned officials and PRI members.

Reading Buddies: Promoting Reading buddies is an innovative approach in educational development of children. children from higher and junior classes were paired to support each other to share their learnings. 200 reading buddies were promoted in 50 schools which have seen as one of the significant approach towards improving the learning competencies among the children. The activity is also received appreciation by the teachers and officials of education department.

Celebrating different days in Anganwadi centres is an initiative towards bridging the gaps between the Anganwadi and the community for improving their knowledge and skills. being the days were celebrated under the government initiatives, our team have actively participated to make these celebrations more useful to the communities

Promoting Child Champions: Enhancing the leadership capacities among the children and young adolescents from the schools has been significant in bring out champions of change among the children who stood as a role models for other children. The formation and strengthening of the Children Groups is a first steps towards identification and mentoring children for the potential leadership qualities. This year 2 children from the villages have received Child Champion Award by Save the Children on the occasion of its 100 years of Celebrations.

Annual Education Fairs: Towards encouraging children and teachers towards on developing scientific temperament and sharing their innovative thoughts with larger group and domains. We have organized a low cost education fair in collaboration with the Education Department in Amrabad and Balmoor Mandals. 154 models have been demonstrated by the children and 3 best models were provided with prizes.

Formation and strengthening of Innovative teacher's forum program: The innovative teacher's forum is aimed at facilitating sharing their learnings and innovations among the teachers of project schools. Towards ensuring regular sharing and learning regular meetings were organized with members along with sharing platform to show case their innovations and practices. 20 teachers are the active members who are sharing their innovation and learnings in the groups.

Increased Retention Rates in Schools

Mandal Praja Parishad School is one of the targeted schools under our educational empowerment program, which is situated in Jangam Reddy Village has been witnessed significant rise of children enrolment in their school over a period of time. Prior to interventions of our organization was 6 students and the school in the closure status with very less number of children. Currently the schools are accommodating 53 students, majority of them are from tribal community. Our interventions of organizing awareness drives and meetings with the parents, teachers and community elders, capacity building of School Management Committees, creating a child friendly environment along with supporting the school management through active participation in enrolment drives and other motivational activities for sending the children into schools.





Children Groups as Advocates for School Development

Mother Theresa is one of Children Group being promoted in Primary School Macharam, in Amrabad Mandal is part of larger initiatives of CONARE to promote right to participation through building their leadership skills on rights and responsibilities. The Mother Theresa Group members have shared the issues safe drinking water, leakage of water in classroom roofs, damaged flooring in Veranda, Functional toilets and along with issues of safety due to absence of compound wall during the Bala Sabha being conducted by in village as part of child led advocacy initiative. The Gram Sarpanch has immediately responded to the issues and called the contractor and requested him to look into the matter and fix the issues of civil work at the earliest. In continuation to the efforts, the children group members have mobilized the SMC members and village elders to follow up with the contractor on fixing the issues at the earliest, as a result of this the contractor have positively responded and fixed the issues in due course of time.



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AWARDS & APPRECIATIONS



CONARE has received many appreciations and awards through its journey and in the year 2019, the organization has awarded with Change Maker Award on the occasion of Centenary celebrations of Save the Children. The recognition was towards reaching the most disadvantaged communities in difficult and hard to access areas in remote forest locations. A child Champion from the organization has also been honoured by the award in recognition to her services in rescuing the girl children from child marriages and mobilizing them towards educational development.

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FORM NO. 10B

[See rule 17B]

Audit report under section 12A(b) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, in the case of charitable or religious trusts or institutions

We have examined the balance sheet of CONARE CONSERVATION OF NATURE THROUGH RURAL AWAKENING [name of the trust or institution] PAN AAATC4033B as at 31/03/2020 and the Profit and loss account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said Trust or institution. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the above named trust visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books, and proper Returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us, subject to the comments given below:

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view-

- (i) in the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named trust as at 31/03/2020
- (ii) the case of the profit and loss account, of the profit or loss of its accounting year ending on 31/03/2020

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.



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