


COASTAL AREA PROJECTS|CAP| PROPOSAL





“ Over coming poverty is
not a task of charity, it is
an act of JUSTICE ”

-Nelson Mandela

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INTRODUCTION

Coastal communities are among the most deprived. The economic disparity with others is very wide. They are the worst off in earnings, employment, health and education. The seasonal nature of fishery and the risk and uncertainties associated with marine fishing entangles the fishermen in the low income trap.

The coastal areas are arguably one of the most dynamic environments on the planet. There is always unpredictability in the air. The daily tidal changes, the seasonal weather, sudden hazards such as tsunamis, cyclones and tidal floods all add to unpredictability and insecurity.

REASONS FOR INTERVENTION

In spite of Kerala making advances in many areas of development, the fishing community remains in the lowest ebb of socio-economic progress. They are very poor in all social indices like education, health, and sanitation. Seasonal and occupational uncertainties have threatened livelihood opportunities in a big way, making a bad situation worse. The houses of fishermen paint a picture of gloom. Many of the houses have no safe drinking water, electricity, toilets and proper roof.

A recent study by Kerala Shashtra Sahithya Parishad has highlighted the fact that the fishermen's families were no better than that of adivasis.

Development should encompass inclusive growth of all. These communities live and co-exist very near to our neighborhoods. It will be a injustice and a grave lack of empathy, if we turn a blind eye to these people's woes. As the plight of these people are worsening day by day, it has become imperative for governments, individuals, organizations and the civil society to intervene and chart a plan of action for the overall wellbeing and improvement of these communities in a urgent manner.

OBJECTIVES

- Empowerment through Education
- Access to Health care
- Livelihood enhancement and diversification
- Decent shelter to all
- Proper sanitation facilities in all houses

ABOUT US-THE ORGANIZATION

Coastal Area Projects CAP, the non-profit organization is a coming together of Social workers, academicians and businessmen. The organization plans to intervene in a comprehensive way in improving the overall well being of the people living in the coastal areas of Kerala. The organizers carry a wealth of experience working in the social development sector and intends to translate this expertise to real tangible results in education, health, livelihood enhancement and diversification, shelter and sanitation.

APPROACH

- Data Driven
- Evidence based
- Participatory
- Associating with NGO's
- Avail Govt schemes and benefits
- Time bound
- Monitoring and Evaluation



FACT SHEET

INDIA

- India is the second largest fish producing nation in the world after China.
- India has a coastline of 7516.6 km
- Fisheries sector provides livelihood to 14.49 million people in the whole of India

KERALA

- Kerala has a coastline of 590 km.
- Source of livelihood to more than 8 lakh marine fishermen and out of this, more than two lakhs of active fisher folk are engaged in fishing along the coastline.
- Fishing community constitutes 3.03 % of Kerala's total population
- They are spread over 222 fishing villages in 9 coastal districts among 14 districts in Kerala.
- The density of population in the coastal area is 2168 persons per sq km, whereas the state average is 859 per sq km.

KOZHIKODE

- Total Coast line - 71 km
- No of fishing villages – 35
- Total no of families – 14157
- Total fisher folk - .95 lakhs

Source: Marine Fisheries Census (2010) CMFRI



THE PLAN

- Long term comprehensive intervention to improve the overall well being of the people living coastal areas.
- Specific projects of intervention in education, health, livelihood enhancement and diversification, shelter and sanitation.
- Project implementation in a phased manner
- First phase of intervention in a selected geographical area –Chamundi Vallappu, Kozhikode Beach.
- Education to be the only interventional project in the phase one in Chamundi Vallappu .
- In the second phase scaling up activities and programmes to other areas



CHAMUNDI VALLAPU, KOZHIKODE BEACH FOCUS AREA OF INTERVENTION

Chamundi Valappu is a slum area in a coastal trajectory, on the south side of Kallai River jutting to the sea in the Kappakkal ward of Calicut corporation . Densely populated and most backward, this hamlet occupies 1 sq.km area. The area has nearly 500 households inhabited by around 3,500 people. A detailed socio economic survey is on the pipe line. The people in the area are fisher folks and also those earning their livelihood from odd and coolie jobs with irregular income. The land is marshy in nature and facilities at home very poor. Most of the population, being poor and helpless are pushed to this area and are marginalized for several reasons.



PADANA VEEDU PROJECT IN PROGRESS AT CHAMUNDI VALLAPPU

Coastal area projects (CAP), plans to start the interventions by supporting the ongoing Padanaveedu programme at Chamundi Vallappu. The objectives of PadanaVeedu are to enhance the learning skills of the students of the coastal area as well as improve the quality of the schools in the coastal areas. Basic lessons on Science, Maths, English and Malayalam are taught 5 days a week. At present Seventy six children of Chamundi Vallapu are attending these classes. Three teachers take classes for these students at two Anganwadis of the area. There is a waiting list of 226 more students to attend these classes. As the present space in the two anganwadis is limited, the organizers are not able to accommodate them.

Padana Veedu Project was conceived and headed by Prof. K V Umar Farooq , who was formerly Registrar, Malayalam University, Tirur, Principal of WMO Arts and Science College, Wayanadu and Professor of English at Farooq College, Calicut. He was also the Project Officer, of the much acclaimed Danida Farooq College Slum Clearance Project funded by the Denmark International Development Agency, New Delhi.

The Padanaveedu programme is monitored by a committee of professors and teachers. Dr Shahad bin Ali, associate professor at RAU Arabic college ,Farook and Prof Hashim rtd Malayalam professor MAMO college, Mukkam co ordinate, train and guide the tutors.

Global Thekkeppuram is stewarding the programme with the overall support, co ordination and assistance to the programme with support from M.M.Jubilee Foundation. The Padanaveedu programme in other localities in the coastal area like Chappayil,Mukhadar,Kundungal,Francis Road and Nainamvalappu is supported by voluntary organizations of those respective areas Ciesco, Yuvasahithe Samajam and Enfa etc. A total of 364 students of coastal area now are availing the classes under this programme at various localities of Calicut coastal area.



BUDGET

CHAMUNDI VALLAPPU, PADANA VEEDU PROGRAMME

1. Remuneration for three teachers - Rs 1,44,000
(Rs 4,000 per month x 3 teachers x 12 months)

2. Comprehensive Socio economic survey - Rs. 10,000

Total – Rs 1, 54,000

CONCLUSION

The comprehensive project conceived by the organization, Coastal area projects (CAP) is designed in a way that it addresses the needs and aspirations of the people living in coastal areas. Padanaveedu the ongoing programme has instilled high hopes in the school going students of the locality. This programme is sure to bring great results and have the potential to scale it upto adjoining areas in a phased manner. The continuation of the project, scaling up and taking up Initiative in health and sanitation will happen only if organizations and Individuals come forward and support this initiative whole heartedly.

