

**ADULT EDUCATION
A PROCESS FOR EMPOWERMENT
AND POVERTY REDUCTION**



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From Director's Desk

Sahayt started its activities nineteen years back with the vision of the realization of a self-reliant, self-sustained, peaceful and prosperous society with gender equity. Promotion of participatory development, gender equity and strengthening of Voluntary sector and Local Self Governance Institutions is our guiding mission.

Over the years, we offered a series of adult education supports to the target population including women, dalit and other marginalized people, adult educators, leaders of adult education institutions, CBOs/CSOs/NGOs, elected representatives and youth and children. The overall objective of the reporting years interventions was to enhance the knowledge and capacity of the participants to empower themselves to engage actively in the socio-economic development including poverty reduction.

The thrust given to NREGS, RTI, promotion of adult-educators and their institutions, strengthening of local democratic bodies like Grama sabha, promotion of children Assemblies and disaster risk reduction team, entrepreneurship development and support for income generation etc produced good results. No doubt the effects will lead to some visible impact in the life of the participants and their community.

I am really proud to present before my colleagues, co-travelers; partners, resource providers and well-wishers a summary of our activities, its outcome and effects during the year 2008-2009.

We shall be certainly obliged for your reflection on the content of the report and its presentation.

G.Placid
Director

General Introduction

SAHAYI - A Centre promoting value based Learning and Action

SAHAYI – Centre for Collective Learning and Action is a secular, non Governmental, Voluntary Development Organisation registered under the Charitable Societies Registration Act in 1990 and has been functioning as a Regional Support Organisation. It started its development interventions initially in Kerala and extended its support to other South Indian states subsequently. Promotion of participatory approaches in training/learning, development interventions and helping ensure stakeholder participation in governance and development and gender equity are the central concerns of Sahayi.

Information sharing, awareness building and capacity development of various stakeholders groups, promotion of participating approaches in training , development, disaster management and social change indicatives , campaign on various things like RTI and MDGs, strengthening of CSOs/CBOs and LSGIs, policy advocacy etc are the important strategies used by Sahayi to fulfill its mission.

The initial interventions of Sahayi focused on capacity development of voluntary organisations. From 1994 the focus extended to embracing the entire field of participatory development, local self-governance and the civil society organisations. Today, one of the thrust areas is to promote the Local Self Governance Institutions to become a transparent, accountable and true democratic institution. Strengthening the voluntary sector with special focus on developing the capacity of marginalized groups to address their poverty issue is another thrust area. The third important area of intervention was psychosocial rehabilitation and Child and Youth Development among the tsunami affected people at Alappad Gram Panchayath in Kollam District. Campaign on Right to Information and National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is yet another thrust area. Promotion of Women Development Organizations, networks / federations of Voluntary Organisations, strengthening of SHGs /NHGs etc are another important area of intervention intended to empower women to work towards gender equality.

In addition to offering a series of awareness and capacity building support to various stakeholders groups, Sahayi produced /updated a set of learning /training materials on various participatory, training and published and distributed materials on emerging issues like MDGs, policy on voluntary sector, etc. Consultancy and training support to NGOs and LSGIs is another service area of Sahayi.

The following report is a summary of the interventions of Sahayi during the year 2008-2009.

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REFORMING GOVERNANCE INSTITUTIONS IN KERALA

a. Introduction

During the reporting year specific focus was given to engage in promoting transparency and accountability of LSGIs through massive campaign on Right to Information (RTI) and National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), ensuring community ownership and participation in formulating and implementing the programme in addition to the support service for strengthening Grama sabha.

b. Enabling Panchayats to deliver Rural Employment

To help enable the selected Panchayats to deliver Rural Employment under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) in Kerala, Sahayi organized some innovative interventions like mobilization of citizens for engaging them actively in all stages of the Scheme – registration, issue of job cards, identification of projects, project planning and development, applying for job, implementation of social audit, and owning the whole process through massive awareness on NREGS.



NREGA Orientation Seminar



NREGA Awareness Building Classes

A total of 1830 citizens from 32 panchayats in 7 districts benefited from this programme. Consultancy services on Project identification, planning and development were also given to the functionaries of PRIs and leaders of Civil Society Organisations and citizen leaders of 32 Panchayats. Moreover, 10,000 citizens from all walks of life got benefited from the distribution of learning materials on NREGS.

In addition to this, Sahayi offered consultancy support for several elected representatives, Panchayat functionaries and implementing officers of NREGs to identify/develop feasible projects and its implementation and coordination

Table 1		
Details of RTIA activities and coverage		
Name of Activities	No .of programmes	Coverage Nos.
Training/Orientation and Consultancy services for State level NGO network and District level CSO platforms	10	250
District level Massive Awareness cum Action programme	32	1830
Counseling support – Telephone Helpline		1000
Production and dissemination of learning materials		10,000

c. Promoting extensive use of RTIA

In order to help the citizen extensively using the provisions in the Right to Information Act (RTIA), thereby ensuring transparency and accountability in PRIs, Sahayi has undertaken a variety of activities in the reporting year like massive awareness generation; offering facilitation support to the citizen for the preparation and submission of application under RTIA to various Public Authorities; development of the capacities of State level network and district level platforms to organize similar programmes; and production and distribution of learning materials in the form of leaflets/pamphlets and its wider dissemination etc.

d. Support services for strengthening Grama Sabha and grass root level participatory planning

A series of consultancy services were provided to the members of various SHGs/NHGs/CBOs and CSOs in the State to help them understand the roles and relevance of strengthening Grama Sabha for solving their basic needs issues, developing local level plans with stakeholder participation and making the functioning of Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) more transparent and accountable

e. Consultancy support

Sahayi resource team also provided facilitation support for seminars/workshops and orientation organized by several government, non- government organizations and educational Institutions in the state on Panchayat Raj, RTIA, perspective planning, NREGS etc.



RTIA Orientation for KAVAL Members

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●●● CAPACITY BUILDING INTERVENTIONS FOR LIVELIHOOD POVERTY REDUCTION WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON WOMEN

a. Introduction

The overall goal of the project supported by DVV International was to initiate sustainable development processes which lead to poverty reduction. The objective of the project activities of the reporting year was to help under privileged population group to gain access to more/equal natural and economic resources and participate in political decision making at local level. To achieve this objective a set of activities (narrated below) were organized under three result areas. Promotion of educational institutions and structures was the first result area. Educational programmes for the target group and lobbying/ policy advocacy were the second and third result area respectively. Women, fisher folk in tsunami affected area, dalits, social workers, literacy workers, women in SHGs/NHGs etc were the main target groups.

Table 2
Details of activities and coverage

Sl. No	Activities	No. of programmes	Participants		
			Male	Female	Total
1	Training on Leadership and Communication (one/two day)	18	133	644	777
2	Training on Group formation and Organisation management (2 day)	3	6	90	96
3	Participation in Regional/national seminars/workshop	7			27
4	Management consultancy support for CBOs/CSOs	54	650	3867	4517
5	Perspective building programme for leaders of CSO	22	275	836	1111
6	Perspective building programme for KAVAL/WDOs	21	296	635	931
7	Training on Good Governance	2	23	46	69
8	Exposure visit – 5 days	1	7	97	104
	Total	128	1390	6215	7632



Leadership Training Activities

b. Activities under promotion of educational institutions and structures

In order to improve and strengthen the capacity of adult education providers, CBOs and Civil Society Organisations to carryout successfully the education programmes for their target groups, the following activities were organized during the reporting period.

c. Activities organized for improving capacity of the target groups

With the objective of improving the capacities of the disadvantaged local target group and helping those demanding their due rights from the local government institutions and undertaking /involving in programmes for addressing poverty issues, the following activities were organized.

Table 3 Details of activities and coverage					
S.No	Name of Activities	No. of programme	Participants		
			Male	Female	Total
1	Training on Leadership and Communication (one day)	35	152	1124	1276
2	Entrepreneurship Development Programme	11	16	477	493
3	Training on SHG Management	15	19	548	567
4	Participatory Training of Trainers (PTOT)	1	6	11	17
5	Seminar on Human Rights and Right to Information Act, NREGS	67	353	2794	3147
6	Seminar on Participation in Grama sabha	36	147	1084	1231
7	Financial support for income generation	8 Units		8	8 families



Entrepreneurs Development Programme



Leadership Communication Programme



Participatory Training of Trainers Programme

d. Workshop/Seminars for lobbying / Policy Advocacy

It was intended to share information on various relevant issues which needed adequate policy actions for creating a conducive environment for improving the living conditions of the community, especially the marginalized sections of the society. During the reporting period Sahayi conducted two major workshops on Millennium Development Goals in collaboration with others, CSOs in South India.

Table 4 Details of activities and coverage			
Sl. No.	Details and coverage Programme	No. of Programmes	No. of Participants
1	State/District level conference on development issues	4	103
2.	International cooperation and professional exchange and participation in National/Regional seminars	4	27



MDG State level workshop

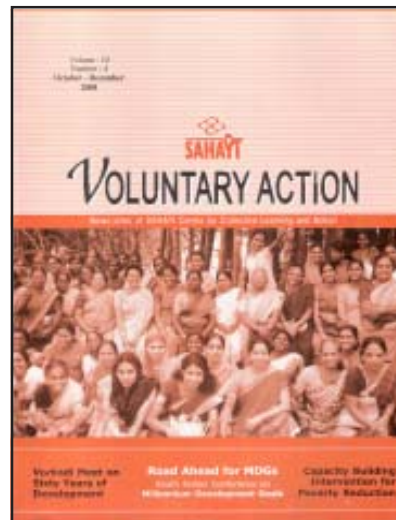


MDGs South Indian level 2 day workshop

e. Production of teaching / learning materials and publication

Sahayi has brought out the following learning materials and publications during the year.

- ✿ Voluntary Action – English News Bulletin – 4 issues
- ✿ Swayambharanam – Malayalam News Bulletin – 4 issues
- ✿ Leaflet/pamphlet on NREGS, RTIA, MDGs
- ✿ Booklet on MDGs in vernacular
- ✿ Translated material on the State policy on voluntary sector.
- ✿ Concept note on the State policy on voluntary sector in Kerala.



f. Staff Development Programmes

During the reporting period Sahayi staff members participated in several national and international conferences on various topics which helped share / learn the issues at national and international level on socio-economic development, poverty, MDGs people's participation, strategies for addressing poverty and engagement of CSOs in various issues. Details of the programmes are given below:

- ❁ Berlin Conference on Adult Education
- ❁ People SAARC Meet in Sri Lanka
- ❁ ROA Network meet at Bangalore India
- ❁ Resisting Privatization & Reclaiming Public Services, Bangalore India
- ❁ Role of Civil Society in the 11th Five year Plan





People SAARC Meet in Sri Lanka



Role of Civil Society in the 11th Five year Plan



Resisting Privatization & Reclaiming Public Services, Bangalore India

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●●● TSUNAMI RECONSTRUCTION - INTERVENTIONS

A. Psychosocial rehabilitation support

i. Introduction

The focus of this project with the support of Malteser International, Germany till July 2008 was to ensure psychosocial rehabilitation support to tsunami affected families in Alappad Panchayat and to help the most vulnerable individual and families overcome the continuing psychosocial stress and trauma. Following is a brief summary of the activities undertaken during the period.

ii. Counseling Support

The major objective of the programme was to help the target group overcome their psychosocial stress and maintaining a peaceful and healthy life by offering regular counseling services. The support covered 400 individuals 60 families, 364 children, 100 old aged people.

iii. Life Skill Education Programme

This programme was intended to help the children and the adolescents learn life skills and to make use of it to overcome their psychosocial stress. Altogether 800 children benefited from this programme.

iv. Disaster management Preparation – Youth Volunteer Team Building

The programme aimed at developing a group of youth from the community to provide disaster risk reduction support to their community in future. Sahayi provided training on Swimming, Rescue, First Aid and Fire & Safety. The training was supplemented with an exposure visit to Nagapattanam in Tamil Nadu to expose them to similar intervention adopted by twp NGOs in the state.

Table 5
Details of programme and coverage

Sl. No.	Name of Programme	No. of Participants
1.	Training on swimming	55 volunteers
2.	Training on First Aid	45 volunteers & 15 CLWs
3.	Training on Fire & Safety	38 volunteers & 17 CLWs
4.	Exposure visit to Nagapattanam	45 volunteers



Training on First aid



Training on Fire and Rescue Operation



Exposure visit to Nagapattanam

v. Awareness building

The first set of awareness was on disaster management. The programme covered 1152 people in Alappad adversely Panchayat. The other programmes were on ill effects of alcohol consumption, substance abuse, Minor mental disorders etc. The programme benefited around 1224 people. In addition to this, Sahayi organized two day street play on health and environment hygiene in Alappad Panchayat. The programme was observed by 2530 people.

vi. Support for strengthening SWAST

With the aim of strengthening the activities of SWAST Sahayi offered various supports which helped the organisation offer a series of orientation and training programmes to the members of SHGs/NHGs, ADS, CDS, etc in their neighbouring panchayats. In addition to this they have provided financial support for income generation and organized Yoga classes for community members. They were also offered a support for exposure visit along with the youth.

Table 6 Details of support and coverage			
Sl. No.	Name of Programme	No. of Programmes	No. of. Participants
1.	Exposure Visit		14 SWAST Members
2.	Orientation of NREGS	3	389 Women
3.	Training on Leadership	4	255 Women
4.	Financial support for Income generation	10 Units	10 Families
5.	Women day celebration		141 Women
6.	Yoga class		20 women

In addition to these Sahayi also organized interface with other agencies in the area and official experience sharing support to various groups.

B. Child and Youth Development programme

i. Introduction

The project was supported by one to one children Fund, UK to help children and students reduce their mental tension, stress and social stigma, resulted from the tsunami disaster and develop their capacity to address future issues. Following is a summary of the activities.

ii. Strengthening of Children's Assemblies and Parliament

In the Alappad Panchayat Sahayi organized 15 children Assemblies and one children's parliament to help them practice value based democracy at the grass root level. During the period several rounds of Assembly meetings were conducted in all the 15 wards of Alappad Panchayat. Around 1000 children regularly participated in these meetings. The Children's parliament developed a memorandum containing 22 demands especially on issues related to the changes needed to improve their quality of education at the school level, improvement in the infrastructural facilities available in the different schools, stringent measures to be taken against the availability and sale of banned drugs etc. This was followed by the submission of the memorandum to the Panchayat Samithy and a healthy dialogue with the Samithy. The Samithy agreed to resolve the grievances of the children.

The children also engaged in a variety of action programmes to improve environmental hygiene. They conducted 10 programmes for cleaning the premises of school, anganwadies and other public places. Few of the children also started some cultivation programmes.



Children's Assembly

iii. Capacity Building Programmes for Children/Youth Leaders

In order to help children/youth to improve their leadership qualities, increase their understanding on group dynamism, group process, convening meetings, recording documentation and to learn the values of cooperation, sharing and living together a series of training programmes were organized .

Table 7			
Details of programme and coverage			
Sl. No.	Name of Programme	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
1.	Training on Leadership Motivation	4	126
2.	Training on Group Dynamism, Group process and cohesiveness	14	491
3.	Training on convening meeting and recording documentation	5	154
4.	Self development training	5	150
5.	Community Living camp 4 day duration	3	199
6.	Perspective building orientation/orientation programme	29	2563
7.	Swimming training		40 children

iv. Facilitating Learning through the library and resource centre

The library facilities and books in each CRCs was offered to the children in each locality throughout the period. Several children made use of these services for reading, preparing projects and information gathering. The adults and elders also regularly visited the centre for reading news papers and listening to news and other activities transmitted through television.

Table 8			
Details of programme and coverage			
Sl. No.	Name of Programme	No. of programmes	No. of Participants
1.	Orientation class for children	11	752 children
2.	Class/ Dialogue	7	40 students/youth
3.	Class on career Guidance	4	125 students/youth
4.	CRC level arts and sports competition for children	35	1529 Children
5.	CRC level arts and sports competition for student/youth	42	1214 Student/youth
6.	Panchayat level competition	1	663 children/youth



Community Living Camp

v. Child/Student/Youth Recreation Programme

A series of activities were also organized for engaging the children through the child Recreation Centres (RCs)
Community Living Camp

vi. Nutritional food support and other support

With the support of St. James School, U.K Sahayi also offered library support for one school and Nutritional food support to 5 schools in Alappad Panchayat. This support benefited 750 children in various schools.

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... ● **JOINT PROGRAMMES, CONSULTATIONS,
EXPOSURE/LEARNING VISITS**

i. Joint Programmes

Sahayi in collaboration with various agencies organized joint programmes. The first programme was on 12 March 2008. Being Voluntary Action day, Sahayi in collaboration with VANI, New Delhi and KAVAL organized a workshop to frame Concept note on State Policy on Voluntary Sector, and a peace march to protest against terrorism. The second was a two day South Indian level workshop on MDGs, in collaboration with Mithra Foundation, Bangalore.

ii. Consultancy and Facilitation support to other Agencies

Sahayi offered consultancy/facilitation support to other agencies like World vision, Trivandrum Social Service Society, KRLCC etc to organize and conduct various training and orientation programs of undertaken by the above organisations.

The Director of Sahayi was one of the resource persons for facilitating sessions on transparency and accountability in governance in the workshop on capacity building of civil society organisations in Maldives, Male, organized by VANI, New Delhi in collaboration with coordination Sud of France and Rajje Foundation, Sri Lanka.

iii. Exposure/Learning visits/Preparation of Documentary

Mr. Michele and Team from Malteser International visited Sahayi Disaster Management Centre for monitoring and reviewing the psychosocial Rehabilitation project activities supported by Malteser International and made fruitful discussions/deliberation with the



members. Ms. Osaba Jose and Mr. Miren and a Team from World Social Forum visited Sahayi Disaster Management Centre Alappad at Srayikkad ,Kollam for learning the activities and strategies related to tsunami rehabilitation and reconstruction Prof. Canessa, Prof.Roscline and Dr. Nandan from Victoria University visited Sahayi head office and disaster Management Centre for learning Sahayi's experience of participation in development and tsunami relief and rehabilitation activities.

A team consisting of 24 members representing various NGOs and elected representatives who have been partners of CNS-Tsunami rehabilitation programme working in Tamilnadu and Andrapradesh visited Sahayi tsunami project area for learning from Sahayi's Disaster Management interventions.

The Sahayi team members in disaster management centre in Kollam provided necessary support to the Belgium team representation of KANAKKNA productions Europe for preparing a documentary film on women empowerment in contemporary India as a part of preparing 10 documentaries with the Title "India for Beginners" to be telecasted in Europe. They documented Sahayi's experience on women empowerment and also women's engagements in their daily routine from Alappad Gram Panchayat in Kollam. This was the only documentary prepared by them from the State of Kerala.

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••●● ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEARNINGS

- Various interventions on NREGS not only helped mobilize the Gram Sabha members but also helped increase the perception and understanding of the functionaries of PRIs on their roles and responsibilities and the processes and procedures for the implementation of NREGS. This resulted in ensuring the participation of various stakeholder groups in the identification and preparation of viable and feasible projects and increased their cooperation and commitment in the implementation of the schemes.
- The consultancy service offered to the leaders of CBOs/SHGs/NHGs and the functionaries of PRIs on NREGS helped develop better clarity on priority areas, identification of projects and other processes in the planning and implementation of the scheme. This in turn resulted increased involvement of the various stakeholders in identifying viable and feasible project and time bound implementation of registration, issue of job cards and offering employment to the applicants.
- The ultimate effect of these interventions was substantial increase in the number of registration especially by the marginalized groups and availing maximum number of days of employment during the year.
- The massive awareness programme on Right to Information Act (RTIA) in Kerala organised by Sahayi in collaboration with several partner organisations at the district and taluk level for

various stakeholder groups like PRI functionaries, Officials, ordinary citizens, students, etc, helped increase their awareness on the provisions under RTIA and motivated them to use the provision in the Act for making the public authorities and the governance institutions more responsive, transparent and accountable.

- ❁ The sensitisations and capacity building training offered to the leaders of CSOs/CBOs leaders of NGO network and district level platforms in the State helped sensitise and motivate them to develop action programme on RTIA as one of their main programme agenda which ensured wider coverage and sustainability of the activity initiated by Sahayi.
- ❁ It was observed that, as a result of Sahayi's intervention hundreds of people including working class, ordinary people and students extensively made use of the provisions in RTIA to access relevant informations from the public authorities in the State to resolve their problems. In addition to this, the number of citizens who filed application for information under various government offices and the appeal filed to SIC has increased remarkably.
- ❁ There was greater demand for information offered by Sahayi through its help line service. This indicated not only the effectiveness of the support provided but also the demand of such activity.
- ❁ Orientation on the roles and responsibilities of Gram Sabha, sustainable development and micro level plan for local development created a positive attitude and approaches among the Gram Sabha members and functionaries of PRIs in the intervention area for identifying developmental issues, fixing priorities, and adopting area specific strategies for necessary interventions.

- Various capacity building trainings offered to the adult education providers and institutional leaders helped enhance their capacity to organize, mobilize and empower their target groups to address their poverty issues by ensuring their participation in Gram Sabha and other development forums. A substantial increase in the level of participation in Grama sabha and local planning was observed as a result of these interventions.
- The perspective building programme also helped motivate the leaders of CSOs/CBOs and ensured commitment in sensitizing and motivating their target groups to access relevant information from public authorities to address their burning issues and made use of facilities available at LSGIs including NREGS to address their livelihood/poverty issues.
- The support for identifying feasible and viable micro enterprises through entrepreneurship development and a nominal financial support for women (most of them affected by tsunami disaster) helped increase the level of income of the family thereby helping to reduce the intensity of poverty in their family. Moreover, the effort helped increase the socio-economic status of the participant women in the family and in the society.
- The sharing/learning exposures of the Sahayi team members at the State, National and International level helped gain new insights on development perspective, participatory development innovations and global trend which will articulate new insights on future interventions.
- The intensive counseling support for various target groups in tsunami affected Alappad Panchayat helped reduce the stress and trauma of several individuals

- ❁ The recreational facilities, orientations, capacity building programme and life skill education for children resulted in building new hopes and aspiration for life, improved concentration in studies, attitudinal and behavioral changes, increased ability in decision making, communication and problem solving, self confidence, etc.
- ❁ The children's assembly and parliament promoted by Sahayi improved the capacity of children's at Alappad and provided them a new learning experience on how to function democratically at grass root level and helped them influence the planning process of child development activities of the Panchayat.
- ❁ Development of disaster preparedness volunteers and the sensitization and technical training offered to them not only helped increase their physical fitness but also increase their team spirit, responsibility, capability, confidence and commitment. This also helped increase their ability to swim, Fire Fighting, First Aid and rescue operations to certain extent.
- ❁ The support for income generation programme for the women severely affected by the tsunami disaster not only helped reduce their mental tensions and stress resulting from unemployment and lack of income but also helped improve their confidence. This also helped develop new hopes and aspiration for life and created a positive attitude towards life.
- ❁ The increased competency of the members of CBO (SWAST) who facilitated the psycho social and child and youth development interventions at Alappad contributed to the continuity and sustainability of such interventions.

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... ● SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS, INNOVATIONS AND LEARNINGS

Restoring telephone connections in a village

Despite frequent requests and reminders from the BSNL consumers of Thirumarayur village of Edakkattuvayal Grama Panchayat of Ernakulam district in Kerala to restore the telephone connections in the area, which was not functioning for one month, no action was taken by the BSNL authorities. The learning from Sahayi's awareness on Right to Information motivated and came forward to submit an application to BSNL seeking information related to the delay in restoring the telephone connection. This was an eye opener for the BSNL authorities. They assured to rectify the mistake and restore all the connections immediately and advised not to submit the application. Accordingly all the telephone connections were restored by the evening itself. After two weeks the BSNL engineers visited the households of this area to confirm whether the telephones are functioning properly.

Issue of Birth Certificate from Municipality

Mr. Janardhanan a resident of Kasargod Municipality area in Kerala was desperately trying about six months to get his daughter's birth registration certificate from the Municipal authorities. Motivated by the awareness on RTI offered by SAHAYI, Janardhanan filed an application under RTIA to the PIO of Municipality seeking the reason for the delay in issuing the birth certificate. Instead of giving the reason, the Municipal authorities immediately issued the certificate to the applicant.

Enhanced self confidence and work culture – an example of increased employment

Pooyapally GP in Kottarakkara block of Kollam district consists of 15 wards. Most of the residents, especially women are working in cashew factories with meager wages. Although the Panchayat started the implementation of NREGS, the general public were not aware of the relevance of NREGS and the potential of the scheme in poverty reduction and local development.

The awareness building and leadership development support offered by Sahayi to the leaders of NHGs/ADS/CDS in the Panchayat resulted in increased registration for job and subsequently increased participation in employment offered under NREGS.

Despite initial reluctance to do the manual labour, the women in large numbers came forward to do the work under NREGS. Most of the beneficiaries including SC families and women got nearly 100 man days of employment during the year. This Panchayat became one of the best Panchayats in the district in implementing NREGS. According to Mrs. Sudharma, the Chairperson of CDS,

“Sahayi’s awareness /training programmes helped women to enhance their self confidence and developed a new work culture among us”

Increased participation in Grama sabha

The Madukka, Punjavayal-504 colony wards of Koruthodu Gram Panchayat in Kanjirapally block of Kottayam were isolated from other parts of the Panchayat. It is a herculean task for the people of this area to reach the Panchayat office either by crossing the thick forest, or by surrounding the forest, which needs a full day. 504 Colony consists mainly of SC/ST families. Although the presence of Kudumbasree, ADS and a few CSOs were there, no coordinated effort was made by these groups for mobilizing these families to participate in Grama Sabha or in any Panchayat development activities.

Sahayi made a series of efforts to bring together the CBOs and the PRI elected representatives and organized awareness programmes

on NREGS, RTIA, Grama Sabha as well as Leadership training to the leaders of various groups including Kudumbasree. These programmes not only helped the local people to understand various programmes of government and also the relevance of people's participation in development activities. This in turn resulted in increased participation of members of SC/ST families and other citizens in Grama Sabha and NREGS implementation.

Awareness on NREGS and RTIA made positive changes in rural people

Aduveni and Kilaikode are neighboring villages in Cheruvathur GP of Kasargod district. At the initiative of P.K.S Grandhalayam, Aduveni, Sahayi organized one day awareness programme on NREGS & RTIA at Aduveni community hall. The participants were members of SHGs, Kudumbasree and other local CSOs. The participants realized the relevance of NREGS and RTIA and the potential of these two important Acts to effect a positive change in their day to day life.

According to the Secretary of Sureksha Purusha Swayam Sahaya Sangam (Men SHG), Sahayi's initiative in educating the public helped them to involve vigorously in the NREGS processes by registering their names, seeking employment and to use RTIA for their individual and public interest issues. The residents already filed 5 RTI applications to various government departments related to various social security pensions, unemployment wages, electricity connections and other services offered by government agencies.

Disaster Preparedness Volunteers prove their Mettle

On August 15 the Indian Independence Day, a few members of the swimming team along with the trainer organised an innovative programme of hoisting the Indian National Flag in the Arabian Sea, 50 meters away from the sea shore in Alappad Panchayat. Several media covered the programme and published/telecasted the event in their daily news item. This was an activity which was appreciated by several people. This activity was also an evidence of the courage developed by the children/youth through intensive training in swimming and rescue operations offered by Sahayi.

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Our Partners and Collaborators

We have received a lot of assistance and help from several civil society organisations in the country. The support received from the functionaries of Panchayats and Municipalities deserves special mention. We extend our sincere thanks to them.

Finally at the grass root level we got sincere cooperation from several SHGs/NHGs/CSOs and local people, especially women and other marginalized groups, who have been collaborators and participants of various programmes. We express our sincere thanks to all those, who have helped SAHAYI to accomplish its task.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
2008 - 2009**



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April 28, 2009

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of SAHAYI CETRE FOR COLLECTIVE LEARNING AND ACTION, T.C.22/2143 Peroorkada.P.O., Trivandrum-695 005 as at 31st March, 2009 and the annexed Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended on that date, annexed thereto. These Financial statements are the responsibility of the Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

- a) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit:
- b) In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Society so far as it appears from the examination of those books:
- c) The Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts and Payments Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account:
- d) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us the said accounts give a true and fair view:
 - i) in the case of Balance Sheet of the state of affairs of the institution as at 31-03-09
 - ii) in the case of Income and Expenditure Account, of the Deficit of the Society for the year ended on that date.

For Alphonse & Company



For ALPHONSE & CO.
 Chartered Accountants
 CA P. ALPHONSE B.Com, F.C.A
 (Membership No. 16698) Partner

SAHAYI - CENTRE FOR COLLECTIVE LEARNING AND ACTION
 T.C. 5788, PEROORKADA,P.O., TRIVANDRUM - 5
 Local Account 2008-2009

Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2009

EXPENDITURE	Rs. Ps.	INCOME	Rs. Ps.
T Staff Salary and Allowance	123,300.00	By Contribution Received	345,526.50
" Vehicle Running and Maintenance	90,917.00	Programme Training Contribution	31,800.00
" Tsunami Reconstruction Project	12,711.00	Income Generation Contribution	2,000.00
" Administrative Expense	9,455.00	Prior period expense of VANI Programme Refund	40,568.00
" Printing and stationery	8,758.00	Bank Interest	9,247.00
" Travelling Expense	7,141.00	Excess of Expenditure Over Income	78,018.76
" Vehicle insurance and tax	4,549.00		
" Board meeting expenses	4,548.00		
" Postage and telephone	1,336.00		
" Xerox Machine Service Charges	955.00		
" Programme Support	500.00		
" Cessation of Assets	1,460.00		
" Depreciation	240,562.26		
Total	506,188.26	Total	506,188.26



CHAIRPERSON

DIRECTOR



For ALPHONSE & CO.
 Chartered Accountants
 CA. P. ALPHONSE, B.Com, F.C.A.
 (Membership No. 19698) Partner

SAHAYI - CENTRE FOR COLLECTIVE LEARNING AND ACTION
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CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2009

RECEIPTS	Rs. Ps.	PAYMENTS	Rs. Ps.
	5,812,919.39	* Closing Cash and Bank Balance	4,833,188.75
		Cash in hand	4,864.34
		Cash at Canara Bank S/B a/c No.32746	635,368.85
		Cash at Canara Bank S/B a/c No.35334	97,671.00
		Cash at State Bank of Travancore	96,295.80
		S/B a/c No.57005362655	83,743.65
		Cash at State Bank of Travancore	58,957.00
		S/B a/c No.57005362656	
		Federal Bank, Kanunagappally S.B A/c No.28652	979,730.64
Total	5,812,919.39	Total	5,812,919.39


CHAIRPERSON

DIRECTOR

Member



For ALPHONSE & CO.
 Chartered Accountants

CA. P. ALPHONSE, B.Com, F.C.A
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SAHAYI - CENTRE FOR COLLECTIVE LEARNING AND ACTION

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31-03-2009

LIABILITIES	Rs. Ps.	ASSETS	Rs. Ps.
Capital Fund Opening Balance	2,394,778.47	Fixed Assets as per Schedule	2,115,033.61
Add Assets Procured During Foreign Contribu.	78,500.00	N S C	600.00
	2,473,278.47	Closing Cash and Bank Balance	
Less Excess of Expenditure Over Income	78,018.75	Cash in hand	4,664.34
Project Balance - Project at a Glance		Cash at Canara Bank S/B a/c No.32746	835,398.85
Poverty Reduction Programme Fund as per Last Balance Sheet		Cash at Canara Bank S/B a/c No.36334	97,671.00
Income Generation Programme Fund as per Last Balance Sheet		Cash at State Bank of Travancore	98,296.80
		S/B a/c No.57005362655	
		Cash at State Bank of Travancore	83,743.65
		S/B a/c No.57005362666	
		Federal Bank, Karunagapally, SB a/c No.29952	59,957.00
Total	3,095,264.25	Total	3,095,264.25

M. Anandhan
CHAIRPERSON



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DIRECTOR

M. Anandhan
Member



For ALPHONSE & CO.
Chartered Accountants
Alphonse
CA. P. ALPHONSE, FCA
(Membership No. 18698) Partner



SAHAYI TEAM

Programme Staff

✿ G.Placid	Director
✿ G. Jose	Project Coordinator (LSG)
✿ Adv.M.P.Varkey	Project Manager
✿ P. K .Kunhiraman	Associate Project Manager (LSG)
✿ Mercy George	Programme Officer (IIZ/DVV)
✿ P.T. George Zen	Programme Officer (LSG)
✿ Ms.Sheela	Programme Officer (LSG)
✿ Ms.Liji Mol	Programme Officer (LSG)

Administration

✿ V. Muraledharan	Administrative Officer
✿ Nigitha. N.C	Accountant
✿ Sarojam. K.S	Office Assistant

Tsunami Rehabilitation Project: Volunteers

Subhaga	Barbara. J	Biyatris Rozario
Hajitha.K	Jayasree	Jyothi.K
Malathi	Mini Pradeep	Rejani
Rejith.R	Retnamani	Smitha.V
Sreedevi	Stiniya Hari	Syam Kumar

