

The Karalappakkam Society for Rural and Sustainable Development

Reg. No 455/2000 under TN Societies Registration Act XXVII of 1975

Prof. K.N.GEORGE
President

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Hon. Secretary

12th July 2006

To:
Mr K.R. Sundararaghavan
Chairperson
GATS Charity
Atlanta
USA

Dear Mr. Sundar,

Warm Greetings from all of us in KSRSD.

Please find the report regarding the GATS Tsunami Rehabilitation Project. Please note the changes in the program and they were inevitable due to the local community politics. We are running the two centers in Koraiuppam habitation now. We have completely shut down the center at Sattankuppam.

There are 40 children, 25 children of 30 to 60 months old and 15 children less than 30 months old. There are 4 day care workers including a cook. They are Ms Vijaya, Ms Sumathi, Mrs. Prabhavathy, & Mrs. Sumathi.

Activities of the Center:

- The center opens at 8.30 AM and closes at 3.30 PM
- Children are provided with nutritious food prepared at the center
- For Children above 30 months basic education using innovative methods like learn while play method is imparted.
- Mothers meetings are regularly held where the results of the medical camps are discussed. 80% of the children were found anemic. Social skills are imparted to the parents as well social issues are discussed.
- General personal health and hygiene practices are taught both to children and parents.
- Nurturing parenting behaviors are taught

Some of the other related activities in Koraiuppam that were organized

- Organized tailoring classes for 2 batches of mothers. This is to provide them with an additional opportunity to enhance their livelihood.
- Two youth clubs were formed and they are involved in various community services like keeping the environment clean. We plan to add more programs.

Housing Building:

Construction at Sattankuppam is cancelled. The unused materials will be later used. We have two buildings, one is a 400 sq ft semi-pucca building. The other one was initially constructed for Women self help groups and is currently being used by us. The residents of Koraiuppam have been allocated new houses in the main land. The construction will soon start which is initiated by another NGO. Once the village people relocate to the new houses, we might also move with them.

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Further Notes:

There are many children in Sattankuppam who need to attend the day care but are not. They are enlisted in the Government run programs. We were told by the child care center staff and the public representatives that the children are supposed to receive food and other services from the government. There are two groups in the village one favoring the government run child care center and others not favoring it. Our day care center will create more rifts in the society hence we decided to withdraw from Sattankuppam and put more efforts in Koraiuppam. Some plans to relocate the displaced families are underway and once that is done, we can further investigate if a child care center is required at Sattankuppam. The response from Koraiuppam community was very good and we get requests to enroll more children.

Statement of Expenses

	Rs	Rs
Expenses for March 2006	18210	
Total 1		18210
Expenses for April-June 2006		
Play materials and equipments	6500	
Salary for workers	11000	
supervisor	17440	
food and nutritional supplements	12000	
mothers meeting, health education expenses	2000	
Building Expenses	8000	
Total 2		56940
Estimated expenses for July-Sept 2006		
Play materials and equipments	3000	
Salary for workers	12000	
Supervisor	13080	
Food and nutritional supplements	11000	
Medical camp, mothers meeting, health education expenses	3000	42080
Total 3		42080
Grand Total		117230
Balance in the account exp as on 31st Sept 06		90429

Your support and encouragement are highly valuable to us and we count on your continued support.

Thanking you

With regards

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Hon. Secretary