

## **BRIEF WORK REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 2011 TO 2012 JANUARY**

Thanks to all Asha members who are supporting & encouraging me to work on the Women and Child issues. From 2001 onwards I am working on women and child issues with support of Timbaktu collective and Women cooperative societies. Timbaktu Collective and Societies have supported me financially for my services up to 2008. From (3 years) 2008 onwards Asha team is supporting me by fellowship for the above said work. In this regard I am giving my brief work report for the period of Feb 2011 to Jan 2012 to your notice.

### **1. Support to the Legal aid centers:**

I am supporting as Legal Advisor to the Legal Aid Centers and family counseling centers of 3 MACT Societies,

- 1.1. Shanthi Raji Kendra – Adishakthi society C.K. Palli, Shanthi Raji Kendra is authorized by District legal services Authority in the year 2007 to take up any type of cases and this center has right to follow the process of Courts, and the decree given by the Kendra is binding and valid.
- 1.2. Ananthasakthi society- Roddam mandal
- 1.3. Mahilasakthi Society – Ramagiri Mandal, these are promoted and supported by Timbaktu Collective.
- 1.4. Legal Aid Center – supported by Pacchari, Penukonda mandal.

Every Tuesday I used to attend Shanthi Raji Kendra in Chennekothapalli, 15 days once to Roddam and Ramagiri Mandals. In spite of this I am also attending these centers, and the cases when ever required in emergency. The 4 Centers received nearly 59 cases in this year. Some are settled and being in follow-up and some are in the follow-up and 3 are in concerned courts. Issues like Sexual harassment cases, dowry harassments, Maintenance of wife, children, parents, women death cases, Homicide of women in in-laws house, Domestic violence problems like illegal contacts, 2<sup>nd</sup> marriages, etc, and some civil disputes like share in property, land dispute, settling of promissory note cases, Child based issues like sexual harassments, child marriages, missing cases etc are the cases taken up by the centers.

1.1. Shanthi Raji Kendra C.K.Palli received 29 cases among them 19 cases are wife and husband problems including in-laws, 6 cases regarding civil issues like property, land disputes etc, 2 cases kidnapping and abduction, and etc. Among them approximately 15 cases are been settled and are being in follow-up for some period and remaining are in follow-up through Police and society.

1.2. Roddam legal center received 10 cases in this year among them 7 are domestic problems between husband and wife, 1 case regarding husband second marriage, 1 sexual harassment case and 1 property issue, in these 4 cases have been settled, 3 are in follow-up and 2 cases are been filed through Police station.

1.3. Ramagiri legal aid center received 13 cases in which 4 are dowry harassment, 5 are wife and husband issues, 1 rape case, and remaining are civil disputes, among them 9 cases are been settled and remaining are in follow-up.

**2.** Apart from these centers, legal aid center in Penukonda supported by Pacchari received 8 cases, among them 2 cases related to property issues, 5 cases are family problems and others for suggestions.

### **3. LEGAL CAMPS:**

With the support of societies centers have conducted 9 legal aid camps and 4 in support of Pacchari, Penukonda so 13 camps totally.

#### **3.1. C.K.Palli:**

3 legal camps, 1 in Basampalli, 1 in Jr.College and 1 in High school of C.K.Palli.

#### **3.2. Roddam**

4 camps, 1 in High school and 1 in Roddam office in Roddam mandal level, 1 in Seshapuram village and 1 in Timmapuram village in Roddam mandal.

#### **3.3. Ramagiri**

2 camps in Ramagiri among them 1 in Jr College and 1 in Ramagiri itself.

#### **3.4. Penukonda**

4 camps conducted with support of Pacchari in Kottacheruvu, Beedupalli village in Puttaparthi mandal (watershed village) and Penukonda College.

The topics in the legal camps are women related laws and Child rights. It is not fully focused on women participants only, but given importance to women, and men also participated in the camps. The topics selected in the camps are based on the situation or the atmosphere of that particular village; the topics are Domestic violence, Dowry Prohibition, PNDT, Maintenance Rights, marriage registrations. Gender equality, Child marriages, Education for girls, some beliefs in the society, Information Act, Sexual harassment

### **4. MEETINGS:**

4.1. As part of my work I am attending the Network meeting of 3 societies called Maha Shakthi. In this year I have attended 2 Mahasakthi meetings, 3 Societies Mahasabhas in 3 mandals, attended the Public meeting like Women's day in C.K. Palli conducted by societies. Over all I am supporting them as Legal Advisor and trainer for acts to the societies and some times to the collective in Legal matters.

4.2. I am continuing as the Para Legal Volunteer authorized by District Legal Services Authority, Anantapur.

4.3. I am the member of a Network who is working with Children and their rights from the district level.

4.4. I am the member in NAWO and representing the state membership.

4.5. I am supporting the other near by NGOs in some issues regarding women and child rights with out any resource fee or any other thing. They will be taking advices by phone in some cases and providing them the necessary suggestions how to proceed further. I am involving the concerned govt. departments like women and child welfare, women groups and police etc. I am trying to build up rapport with those organizations that deal with issues. I am filing vakalat that comes under the centers to give them confidence.

I am trying to build up contacts with other NGOs who are working with women and children, so that it will help in resolving the cases comes to the centers from different places. We may some times take their support to fight against the issues.

## **5. CONSTRAINTS:**

**5.1.**In each and every case all respondents (opposite clients) doesn't co-operate with us and be present to the centers when they receive notices from the centers, some people will present in the center for the 1<sup>st</sup> notice itself, some will for 2<sup>nd</sup>. Some people don't respond for any letters.

**5.2.** The main constraints in the camps are most of the men are not supportive and not interested to be in the camp because they still more believed in traditions and beliefs, and does not allow their family members to participate in the meetings. There is lot of Gender discrimination, and doesn't believe in equality among both genders.

**5.3.** Some people express their feelings like if they attend for counseling, Women doesn't care men, they doesn't allow men to drink, even they do not give their wage or labor to their husbands for their expenses, they don't allow their wives or others to come for counseling.

**5.4.** There are constraints even from the local political leaders at the time of counseling, they used to put pressure on us to do in favour of their supporters but with out any controversies we use to convince them according to law.

## **6. STRATEGIES:**

**6.1.** Some will approach other advocates with the notices send by us to know about what will happen if they won't respond or attend before the centers for further improvements, with the guidance or support of the other advocates they will come to the center or they will send counter notice to the centers. We will take the support of the advocates who communicate such information regarding the notice sent by us. We will invite that advocate for respondent's confidence.

**6.2.** Some are much dominated and does not respond to the notices; at that time we will request the police to make presence of those persons to the center for counseling.

6.3. Some times we will request the village head men or women groups to support victims or aggrieved party for settlement of the issue.

6.4. If at all the respondents doesn't respond to the above stated then we will send the legal notices through advocate.

6.5. We are trying to bring out those men from the belief that who aren't willing to come for counseling and are in the opinion that we support only women but not them.

## 7. Financial details:

As per sanction from Asha, We have expended the fellowship amount; the details are as per follows:

My fellowship amount:	10000/-
Assistant salary	: 4500/-
Office rent	: 1500/-
Paper bill	: 95/-
Office Cleaning (maid):	300/-
Phone Charges	: 550/- (approximately)
Total	: <u>16945/-</u>

Remaining amount I used for the above said legal camps and trainings, it is approximately Rs1500/- to 2000/- per camp. The fellow ship amount, Assistant salary, office rent, maid salary, paper bill were fixed, where as the phone charges, stationary expenses will be increasing or may be decreasing.

My Future Action plan is to extend the same work and concentrate more on the issues and child rights, to improve rapport with other NGOs working on the issues and concerned government departments, to put pressure on them to work their work sincerely. I have some way succeeded by conducting trainings in the colleges and also in the villages. I will try to do more.

This is all of my Year work report and financial report. Please communicate for further information if any thing is needed. Eagerly waiting for further developments.

Thanking you,  
With Regards,  
M. Sireesha.

