

HELP FOR CHILDREN IN NEED FOUNDATION

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1. The Beginnings

During the second year HCNF got into contact with different industrial houses seeking collaboration on projects for the well-being of children. However some of these collaborations crystallised only in the third year like the support from Hellmann Worldwide Logistics India Pvt. Ltd. and Gala Freudenberg. The year 2018-19 also expanded HCNF's donor base through a campaign for flood affected people in the southern state of Kerala.

2. Towards the Objects of the Company:

2.1 Projects

2.1.1 Education and Protection:



A new cooperation which started between Hellmann Worldwide Logistics India Pvt. Ltd and RG Cargo in Delhi and Bengaluru respectively resulted in support to two education project. AFD in Delhi worked in the Trilokpuri slum resettlement colony to support education of children from the vulnerable communities through remedial classes, individual assistance, community motivation and engagement in creative activities. AFD which already had contacted in project area was able to elicit interest and enthusiasm from the community in a couple of months and over 180 children benefitted out of the classes during the year. Scholarships also were provided to some of the really needy children in the community.

The RG Cargo supported project centred around a community library for children through daily attendance at the library, readings and various creative activities. The children remained interested in education. The project introduced various methods like reading aloud, singing together, music, craft and art work at the library which made the whole experience of learning interesting and meaningful. About 80 children benefitted directly from this effort.



HCNF also supported small language education project in Pune with Khelghar. This helped children of the migrant communities to gain proficiency in the local language Marathi and consequently follow school. Such situation exists in most of the urban centres to which people are migrating to the cities for work. This was a small project and supported 30 children during the year.

2.1.2 Nutrition and Environment:

The project for water conservation and promotion of children's rights in Yavatmal supported by Forbes Marshall Foundation (FMF) and implemented by the National Institute for Women, Child and Youth Development (NIWCYD) continued in the third and final year. An overall evaluation of the project was conducted by an external evaluator. This was a participatory evaluation which turned

out to be a learning experience for the community leaders and the project team. The recommendations of the evaluation were to be incorporated into further action plans in the project area.

A new project Green Catalyst was initiated in Ahmedabad with Jan Vikas and Paryavaran Mitra. This was focussed fully on environmental education, selecting certain important issues which needed attention towards maintaining a healthy environment. Pollution like air pollution, water pollution, solid waste segregation and disposal, disposal of e-waste and protection of trees and water sources were identified as the main issues. The project trained about 30 young students from the college / universities on these issues and these trained youth in turn initiated a series of activities ranging from awareness campaigns, setting up of e-waste collection procedures, making representations to the governments, having talks and discussions at the school and university levels etc. The Green Catalysts really turned out to be active environmental protagonists and they kept their interest high and their activities increased on a regular basis.

2.1.3 Support and protection of children in disaster times.

The months of July/August saw Kerala go through its largest flood in a century. The torrential rains and consequent floods caused massive devastation of peoples' lives, houses, crops, storages and other properties. 16 out of the 20 districts were affected by the floods but the flood waters really caused a havoc in the northern districts of Wayanad, Mallapuram and Kalikot. The eastern district of Iddukki and central Kerala districts like Ernakulam and Allapuzha including the Kuttanadan villages. People from all over the country collected and rushed assistance to the Kerala people. As always children and women are the most vulnerable to such natural disasters. Children's schools were taken over as relief camps and many of their school materials were washed away in the flood waters. HCNF launched an appeal to collect funds from the public in Pune and was able to support two CBOs in Kerala – one Dr MS Sunil Foundation and RIGHTS. While the former engaged in distribution of school materials for children and support to resuming the schools the later had a long term approach of providing relief and recovery measures. The children were engaged in various group activities and those who needed support by way of counselling or psychosocial assistance these too were provided. Sports, theatre, songs and group activities helped in the recovery of children from the shock and trauma of the destructions they have witnessed due to the floods.



3. Resources and Funds

The fundraising appeal brought in about Rs. 900,000 (Rupees Nine lacs only) while the support from the different companies went directly to the partners and HCNF was paid the accompaniment and monitoring costs on the basis of an invoice raised by HCNF. Discussions about fundraising measures including engaging under professional fundraisers were considered but shelved due to lack of resources.

4. Institutional Governance

The three directors of the company met periodically and took stock of the all the administrative matters. Director George was responsible for overseeing the project and financial administration. George also personally visited most of the partners and took stock of the situation and the effectivity

of the project measures. HCNF has been functioning with minimal staff / consultants. Mr Damodar Bandi looking after the entire financial matters and compliances. The volunteers like Snehal Kulkarni, Shuchi Seth Mahobe, Amos Deep and others helped out as and when required. The support from the volunteers were formalised by issuing letters of acceptance as volunteers and also delegating responsibilities. The organogram is attached.

Snehal looked after and supported the entire administrative and financial matters like the banking operations, project sanctions and disbursements. As there were projects in Delhi, a new consultant Ms Pragya Sethi was appointed to monitor the project AFD. The Bengaluru projects were being accompanied by Priscilla and Shiji who were also volunteering for HCNF.

The project accompaniment, monitoring, reporting were done according to the scheduled period and the collaborator have been satisfied with HCNF's responses.

During the course of discussions among the Directors about appointing an international director to the company was raised. After due consideration it was unanimously agreed that Mr Albert Recknagel from Germany could be requested to join as Director. Subsequently the procedures were completed and Albert joined as a Director of the company during the year.

5. Compliances:

The AGM for the previous year was held within the prescribed period and all the reporting to the ROC were done with assistance from M/s KANJ & Co. LLP. The audit for the previous year also was finalised prior to this by DKV & Associates and the meetings with the auditors were conducted at the auditor's office was conducted to clarify various issues. Compliances with Income Tax authorities and others like GST were all completed in due time.

6. Looking Ahead:

The public appeal for funds and the responses has pointed to a new opportunity for HCNF for resource mobilisation. Approaching the general public through media seem to bring in resources though not adequate always. So the third year of the company has opened this door and HCNF continues to follow this up in the subsequent years. So in addition to seeking support from CSR sources donations from the general public / individuals HCNF will also consider specific campaign on important issues for raising funds. However as the frequency of these disasters and emergencies are high the need to increase the donor base is imminent. HCNF will strive for this and other ways in which more individual donations can be obtained.

C J George

Director.