

Charity Registered number
297944

Alternative for India Development

Report and Accounts

31 March 2016

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Report and accounts
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Alternative for India Development

Charity Information

Charity Number	297944
Business & Registered Address	47 Villa Road Lozells Birmingham B19 1BH
Trustees	R Kumar DR Kumarswamy Nadar DR KS Sailaxmi ML Mehay
Auditors	SMA (Accountants) Ltd 7 Portland Road Edgbaston Birmingham
Accountants	B16 9HN
Bankers	State Bank of India Soho Road Birmingham B21

Deed Of Trust

Constituted by Deed of Trust dated 21 December 1987, as amended by a further deed dated 5 July 1996 and a further deed amnedment dated 28 March 2001

**Alternative for India Development
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

We have audited the financial statements of Alternative for India Development for the year ended 31 March 2016 on pages 6 to 11. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the trustees for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and auditors

We have been appointed as auditors under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 44 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Trustees' Annual Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the charity has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read the Trustees' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

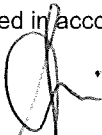
Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2016 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.



S Ali ACCA (senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of:
SMA (Accountants) Ltd,
Accountants & Statutory Auditors

7 Portland Road, Edgbaston
Birmingham B16 9HN

18th December 2016

Alternative for India Development Trustees Report

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016.

CONSTITUTION.

The alternative for the India Development trust is constituted by Deed of Trust dated 21 December 1987, as amended by further deeds dated 4 July 1996 and 28 March 2001 and is registered charity, number 297944.

TRUSTEES

The following were trustees of the charity in the year to 31 March 2016:

R Kumar	Trustee
DR Kumarswamy Nadar	Trustee
DR KS Sailaxmi	Trustee
ML Mehay	Trustee

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The charity is established to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of India. Generally, this includes relief of poverty, distress and suffering and the advancement of education. It operates in India through its partner organisation Alternative for India Development, India (AID, India and formerly the Jayaprakesh Youth Research Centre). Secondly, to advance the education and development and relieve the need of those of Indian sub-continental origin in Europe.

AID is open to help and support from all individuals and organisations (whether national or international), interested in furthering the objects of the charity.

In the furtherance of its objects, the charity arranges and provides for, or joins in arranging and providing for, the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures, seminars and training courses. The charity also undertakes the dissemination of information for use in the projects and raising awareness on issues relating to its objects. This helps both those who seek to give support and also those receiving support through the various projects.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The charity has devoted its efforts by continuing the expansion of its projects and the impacts on global issues. At the same time, AID has been continuing to engage in many promotional and educational activities in the UK with its target communities, particularly Asians, for the purposes of obtaining wider support towards the finances of the projects and at the same time encouraging their working involvement, in future.

Grants have been received this year from the Asian communities and they also give freely of their time in support of this work.

We are extremely grateful to those who have given their time and materials to facilitate work, much of which is reflected in the accounts. We are extremely grateful to Mr Ravi Kumar, one of our trustees, who has again donated his time for consultancy and preparation of materials, this year amounting to £14500 and donated the rent of £7,150.00

The charity is particularly indebted to:

- European Commission
- Asian Communities
- Temples and Gurudwaras
- AID (USA), CHGM and CSC

In addition, many organisations and individuals indicated in the report are duly acknowledged. Those who have not been mentioned, but nevertheless their contributions have been greatly appreciated.

The work that they have supported and results are indicated in detail in this report within the attached appendix and the levels of financial support given are reported in the financial statements.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity operates a policy of maintaining a minimum level of unrestricted funds consistent with its overall commitment to project activities, some of which may extend over several years. The current level considered to be

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees assess in a continuous manner significant risks to which the charity is exposed arising from its operations and financial arrangements and are satisfied that controls are in place to minimise exposure to serious risk.

RESPONSIBILITY OF TRUSTEES FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit arising on the particular funds of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the charity's governing document and the requirements of SORP 2005. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Ravi Kumar
Chairman
On behalf of the board of Trustees
18 December 2016.

**Alternative for India Development
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2016**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Restricted funds 2016 £	All Funds 2016 £	All Funds 2015 £
Income Resources					
I) General Income	1	110,220	53,300	163,520	160,401
Total Incoming Resources		<u>110,220</u>	<u>53,300</u>	<u>163,520</u>	<u>160,401</u>
Resources expended					
I) Grants / Donations		36,100	53,300	89,400	99,850
ii) Other direct charitable expenditure	2	39,464	0	39,464	53,640
iii) Management & admin of Charity	3	26,215	0	26,215	29,268
Total resources expended		<u>101,779</u>	<u>53,300</u>	<u>155,079</u>	<u>182,758</u>
Net Incoming Resources		8,441	0	8,441	-22,357
Net Movement in Funds					
Funds balance brought forward as at 1 April 2015		13,196	0	13,196	35,552
Funds balance carried forward		<u>21,637</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,637</u>	<u>13,195</u>

**Alternative for India Development
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2016**

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	938	1,297
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	5	22,380	13,578
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,681)	(1,680)
Net current assets		<u>20,699</u>	<u>11,898</u>
Net assets		<u>21,637</u>	<u>13,195</u>
Represented by:			
Net Incoming Resources		8,441	(22,357)
Funds balance brought forward as at 1 April 2015		13,196	35,552
		<u>21,637</u>	<u>13,195</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 14 December 2015 and signed on its behalf by



Ravi Kumar

Chairman

18-Dec-16

**Alternative for India Development
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2016**

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding period.

1.1. General

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and the statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

1.2. Going Concern

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. The charity is dependent on the support of the trustees for its continued existence.

1.3 Donations in Kind

Donations in kind are accounted for on the basis that where there is a liability to pay for goods or services required by the charity these are subsequently donated, then the values placed on those goods or services by the donors are incorporated into the accounts as donations in kind and the appropriate expense heading for the appropriate fund, duly charged.

1.4. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office equipment and computers - 15% Reducing Balance
Fixtures, Fittings and Furniture - 15% Reducing Balance
Motor Car - 25% Reducing Balance

1.5 Fund raising costs

The cost of raising finance are borne largely by the sponsors of events or given in kind. The costs of obtaining other funds are considered to be insignificant. Consequently fund raising costs are not shown in the accounts separately.

1.6 Resources expensed

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

1.7 Description and use of Funds

Restricted income funds are funds whose use is restricted to specific purposes to terms on which the funds were received. Unrestricted funds may be spent generally to carry out the principle activities of the charity. The trustees retain authority to reallocate such funds, so that they may be treated as designated funds whiten unrestricted income funds.

1.8 Foreign Currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year end.

1 Income	2016	2015
Grants	10,000	-
Restricted Grants	53,300	83,600
Fund Raising	73,564	39,930
Donations received	8,156	7,906
Donations In Kind	18,500	28,965
	<u>163,520</u>	<u>160,401</u>

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2 Other direct charitable expenditure	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2016 £	2015 £
Publicity and Dissemination Costs	-	-	-	-
Monitoring & Evaluation	3,250	-	3,250	2,250
Research, Report, Development & Education	13,025	-	13,025	28,973
Travel & Subsistence	1,589	-	1,589	817
Wages and Salaries	21,600	-	21,600	21,600
Bad Debts	-	-	-	-
	<u>39,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,464</u>	<u>53,640</u>

3 Management & Administrative Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2016 £	2015 £
Heat & light	445	-	445	-
Rent & Rates	8,300	-	8,300	8,899
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	704
Telephone	858	-	858	3,435
Professional fees	11,550	-	11,550	10,540
Insurance	599	-	599	609
Accountancy and auditing	1,680	-	1,680	1,360
Depreciation	358	-	358	393
Printing, Stationary and Literature	2,049	-	2,049	2,548
Bank Charges	39	-	39	60
Sundry Expenses	82	-	82	446
Advertising	255	-	255	274
	<u>26,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,215</u>	<u>29,268</u>

4 Tangible fixed assets	Office Equipment & computers £	Furniture & fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2015	19,910	3,629	2,200	25,739
At 31 March 2016	<u>19,910</u>	<u>3,629</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>25,739</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2015	18,818	3,617	2,007	24,442
Charge for the year	164	2	193	359
At 31 March 2016	<u>18,982</u>	<u>3,619</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>24,801</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2016	<u>928</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>938</u>
At 31 March 2015	<u>1,092</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>1,297</u>

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	2016	2,015
	£	£
5 Cash in hand and at bank		
Cash at bank & in hand	22,380	13,578
Bank-Reserve account	-	-
Cash in hand	-	-
	<u>22,380</u>	<u>13,578</u>
6 Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade Creditors	-	-
Other taxes and social security	-	-
Accruals	(1,681)	(1,680)
	<u>(1,681)</u>	<u>(1,680)</u>

5 Unrestricted Funds

	At 1 April 2015	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 March 2016
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	13,196	110,220	(101,779)	21,637

Purpose of Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

8 Restricted Funds

	At 1 April 2015	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 March 2016
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds	-	53,300	(53,300)	-

Purposes of restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of the management and support costs.

9 Taxation

The Charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

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10 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance	Movement in resources		31/03/2016
	01-Apr-15	incoming	outgoing	
	£	£	£	£
Common Service Centre (CSC)		20500.00	20500.00	
- I C T empowerment				
Common Community		20800.00	20800.00	
- Community Radio project				
Common Community		12000.00	12000.00	
- Community college project				
		53300.00	53300.00	0.00

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11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Unrestricted funds	938	20699	21637
	938	20699	21637

12 GRANTS RECEIVED

Income funds	Total		2016	2015
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	funds £	funds £
A I D (U S A)		12000	12000	28540
Chala Hogaom Gaon Mein (CHGM)		20800	20800	22500
Common Service Centre (CSC)		20500	20500	32560
Others				
	0	53300	53300	83600

13 DONATIONS IN KIND

	2016	2015
	£	£
Research, report and evaluation services provided by :		
- R Kumar (Trustee)	14000	18240
- Others	4500	10725
	18500	28965

ANNUAL REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2015-2016



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ACTION FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFAIRS

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Action for Integrated Development (AID), we are delighted to present the Progress Reports-both narrative and financial for the year 2015-2016.

AID-UK has been supporting, sustaining and scaling up its rural information kiosks initiatives to bring about rural prosperity and e-governance revolution at the bottom of the pyramid with focus on panchayats and villages. The investments made in earlier years are now started yielding benefits at the village level to the rural families.

Though, we are not able to support many of its earlier projects and programmes in view of resource crunch and difficulties in finding suitable sponsors and donors, we have added greater value in improving the quality of the existing projects which evidently made greater differences in the life of the excluded segment of the rural population. The annual report for this year highlighted the moments of success in its key programme domains.

We could do it through our humble and simple efforts targeting on dalits, tribes, children and women living in hard to reach and difficult areas. We are grateful and thankful to our patrons, supporters and sponsors for showering their kindness and benevolence in our human rights and development endeavours. We look forward for larger support and humanitarian gestures to make the life of the poor better in terms of significant gains in human development.

In this year report, we have outlined the key human development values generated by our interventions in terms of significant outputs, outcomes and changes spurred by our interventions.

We continue to beseech your benevolence and financial support in pursuing our mission for deepening our development efforts and endeavour.

SECTOR 1: EDUCATION INITIATIVES OF AID-UK

Project 1: JP Community Technical College (JPCTC)

Background

The college is situated in Nenwa village in the Meral Block of Garwah District, Jharkhand State, India. The college now has sufficient infrastructure for training and development of human resources in this backward region. The first phase of

construction of the college building (including hostel accommodation) was completed in December 2000, and the second floor in 2004-05.

The college has now been operating for eleven years of uninterrupted services for the young people and women since its inception from January 2001. The college was established to train carpet working children for alternative employment, and has now expanded its outreach to train rural and tribal youth in this region as per the local skill land employment need. Further, on the basis of the need, it has been focussing more on the information and communication technology components to prepare and skill the youth to take them to the technological and information era.

The college has been accredited by the National Institute of Open School (NIOS), Government of India, New Delhi, and successfully meets the quality and technical standards of NIOS. In this year, the eleventh year batch of NIOS trainees has successfully completed their courses. The overall pass rate is 93% in the external examinations conducted through NIOS.

Management and operation

The community college has been managed by AID-India (Garwah Chapter). The entire staff cost from the inception has been funded by AID-UK. This includes the payments of principal, instructors, trainers, finance and administration, maintenance, hostel management and operation and miscellaneous services.

The College has its own governing process and maintains its own separate accounting system.

Objectives

The objective of the JPCTC is to provide technical education for increasing the employability of working and rural youth.

Improve the knowledge and functional skills of rural development staff and volunteers for better performance.

Activities

The college has been offering different courses of 6 and 12 months duration to suit the functional and employment needs of young people. In addition, short-term courses of 7 days to 2 months are also available for local people including adults such as members of self-help groups, school teachers, health workers, community radio technicians and Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) running Common Service Centres (CSCs) providing e-governance services.

The college operates more intensive courses on campus and less intensive courses in off the campus. The college offers an extensive range of vocational courses to meet the skill needs:

- ❖ Electronics (radio and TV repairing and maintenance)

- ❖ Computer and IT training
- ❖ Welding, automobile training
- ❖ Tailoring and embroidery
- ❖ Electrical wiring
- ❖ National Open School Stream of vocational training
- ❖ Skill training to self-help groups, health and community workers and VLEs

In continuation of earlier years, we have been continuing refresher courses for VLEs for improving the functional skills of rural/IT kiosk operators.

Achievements this year

Through the JP Community Technical College, 157 rural youth were trained in the following vocational training courses.

- ❖ 28 young people completed welding training
- ❖ 26 completed electrical wiring
- ❖ 22 in tailoring and embroidery
- ❖ 32 in radio and TV repairing
- ❖ 95 in computer applications and desk top publishing course

Vocational Courses in Extension Centres of Community Technical College

Through Off the campus Training Centres, the following were trained:

- ❖ 63 were trained on ICT entrepreneurs with focus on ICT based employment.
- ❖ 63 were trained in computer application. The community college received work orders amounting to £3242 from various sources .

Training on Information Technology for VLEs

1. 243 Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) were trained to run rural IT kiosks.
2. Refresher training provided to 64 VLES for running CSCs

Other Capacity Building Works Undertaken

In this period, 482 were trained for rural development, right to education and community services.

- ❖ 59 Health Activists training provided
- ❖ 74 Women Health volunteers training undertaken
- ❖ 176 Women SHGs office bearers on micro credit & group building training

done

- ❖ 212 persons were trained on right to education and 52 dalit rights activists were trained on right to employment

Support

Financial and other support is provided by:

- ❖ AID USA
- ❖ Local communities and Government
- ❖ Services by local trades' people and Vikalp Multi-Media

PROJECT 2: Pro-Poor Radio for Solidarity, Justice and Good Governance for Poverty Reduction

Background

Poor and vulnerable groups in Jharkhand, specifically those who lives in remote districts such as Garhwa and Palamu, lacked information that is vital for improving their lives and livelihoods. These villages are mainly inhabited by dalits and tribes. They are detached, disconnected and denied of many of the government programmes as they are unaware of it, citizen rights and government obligations. This lack of information on basic rights, public services, health, education and work opportunities has led to perpetual poverty.

The project was formulated to redress this imbalance by enhancing and empowering their knowledge on poverty and right to information. The project emerged from the pilot project conducted in the region.

The community radio project has been implemented in 3 districts of Jharkhand namely Palamu, Garhwa and Latehar, covering about 250 villages. However, its reach is far wider.

Goal and Objective

The goal of the project is the achievement of right to information and right to basic entitlements for poverty reduction among the poor, using the community radio.

The immediate objective is empowerment of the poor and village forums through community radio for articulation of the problems of poor, influencing government for pro-poor policy change, governance and improving quality of services.

Management

The project set up its studio and infrastructure in the Community College of Garwah, Jharkhand India. The project has been jointly managed by AID-Palamau and AID-Garwah Chapters. The project appointed programme and technical personnel to take care of the operations and management. The project also engaged local artists and village youth with creative artists as radio activists to highlight the local problems and issues and denial of various entitlements. The project networked with many community organizations and NGOs to articulate their views. Though the project is formally over, it has continued through local volunteers and support to few key staff.

Key Accomplishment

Activity 1: Capacity building and strengthening of forums

- Continued to strengthen 172 listener clubs and engaged in raising their problems
- Two training events were organized staff and team leaders
- 104 Volunteers from community organizations were engaged for producing radio programmes.
- 108 Community organization representatives and 44 leaders were trained in radio production and advocacy.
- Inter village exchange and experience sharing conducted for 9 villages

Activity 2: Radio programme development, broadcasting & narrowcasting

- During the period 26 episodes were broadcast and 2 special episodes on right to education produced for awareness.
- 86 times narrowcasting were carried out in strategic locations.
- Important CDs reflecting right to education were shared with community based forums and elected representatives for necessary action.

Activity 3: Engagement of government for right to information

- 32 Government officials were engaged and right to information sought using community radio media.
- 1 Civil Servants presented spoke on government schemes.
- 2 One shop information bazaar events/campaigns and 1 convention were organized.

Activity 4: Pro-poor advocacy, networking, cross-cultural exchange

- An average 206 letters received per month from listeners.
- During this period, networking established with 42 new forums in addition to the existing 423 community forums.
- 2 Network meetings and 7 Block level meetings were organized.
- 3 Volunteers training and workshops were conducted.

- 1 Rally with the participation of 320 men and 256 women conducted highlighting issues of corruption in governance.

Support

The project is being supported by the following agencies:

- 1 JPCTC
- 2 All India Radio
- 3 Community forums

Project 3: Empowering Rural Community through Citizen Service Centres

Background

AID has been actively channeling all its services by deploying different forms of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) such as computers, internet and web technologies, telephones, videos, radios and television for reducing the digital and technology divide between the poor and rich and to provide information and services to the common man.

The State Government of Jharkhand (GOJ) in recognition of the performance of AID in the social sector has awarded the onerous task of establishing and efficiently managing 600 Common Service Centres in the districts of Latehar, Palamau and Garhwa in the State of Jharkhand, India covering about 3000 villages and 3 million people.

AID intends to use the opportunity to harness ICT and build multiple partnerships with the Government, Industry and Community by enabling it to improve the quality of life and livelihood of the marginalized rural and tribal communities living in rural areas in these three districts and contributed a great deal in helping the rural masses in realizing their right to information and various entitlements.

The project involves setting up around 600 multipurpose Common/Citizen Service Centres (CSC) across these three districts which are nationally called Common Service Centres and locally termed as Pragiya Kendra. These centres have been run by SHGs / Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs). Each CSC covers on an average of 5 to 6 villages and cater to the requirements of around 1000 families to make full use of the power of ICT for the benefit of common masses.

These CSCs has been serving as social and economic catalysts focusing on the various facets of e-learning, e-transaction, e-governance and facilitate faster information and communication transfer. This is a unique in view of the involvement of government, communities, NGOs, technology service providers and businesses to provide services appropriate to their needs. It is an initiative to promote rural prosperity using ICT with deep involvement of the community and government

through the mediation of AID. The Project commenced in April 2007 and has been continued with added services.

Objectives

The goal of the project is to use the power of ICT for rural prosperity and improving the quality of life and livelihoods of the poor. The immediate objectives are:

- Promote government-citizen services, citizen-government and business- rural services for enhancing and enriching the quality of rural life.
- Harness the power of ICT for grooming rural entrepreneurs for new livelihood opportunities and transforming the rural life through pro-poor and pro-women change.
- Use ICT medium/media for mobilising and empowering the rural marginal communities for realising the right to information and for rural prosperity.
- Create on-line villages for making learning oriented and knowledge intensive rural communities for human resource development of men, women and children.
- Influencing the government to make the rural services accessible, sensitive and work for the rural poor.

Management of the operation

At the panchayat level, the CSC has been run by a village youth from the panchayat or SHG /federations or youth group. They have been supported technically by a Block and District Co-coordinators. The State and Zonal Offices at Ranchi and Palamau are responsible for overall co-ordination, management and ensuring prompt ICT services in three districts. The Zonal office is being supported by the State Office in Ranchi and national office at Chennai. The key achievements for this period are given below.

Publicity mounted on CSC and sharing of experience

- In this year, 26 Radio episodes on CSC made and broadcast through Palamau radio station to raise awareness on CSC and its services.
- 1 District level Workshops with the participation of Deputy Commissioner and Line Departments conducted.
- Two exhibition on CSC conducted in which various CSC services were demonstrated to the public.
- 1 IT on wheel service rolled out and offered computer training and other ICT services.

CSC infrastructure created

1. 600 Village Level Volunteer (VLE) have been now running CSCs in 600 panchayats.
2. Connectivity to more than 490 centres was provided and the remaining is to be brought under connectivity in this year.
3. A portal with various applications was started and has been functioning by connecting to 600 CSCs.
4. Data centre at Chennai and Ranchi has been functioning and has been providing

support to district level units and CSCs.

CSC services

1. Panchayat Banking services through IT kiosks in 92 Panchayats and brought the banking services close to them
2. Computer training services provided to 86 rural youth.
3. Photographic services have been continued.
4. DTP services has been underway through CSCs.
5. Data entry services have been part of the CSC services.
6. Train reservation services have been provided.
7. Web browsing services continued.
8. Telephone services initiated
9. Micro insurance service tie up made with LIC
10. Obtained work orders from the government for undertaking job work, land and cattle digitisation and data entry works.
11. E-governance certification services piloted in one panchayats and scaled up to 20 panchayats. .

Support

The following agencies are supporting the CSC initiative:

- Jharkhand Government (Common service center csc)
- State Bank of India
- AID-India
- SHGs and federations.
- Palamu Vision
- (VMM)

Sector 5: Global education mission

Project 4: Global education for Asian community action

Background

Though the project funding was over, AID has been continuing the development education work directly with and through the Asian community forums. Like previous years, continuing focus has been on ICT for local-global solidarity for poverty reduction. Under this, we established local and global links through community radio, web and internet were the thematic focus to influence the Asian community.

AID has been working with the Asian forums. Birmingham being a multi-cultural hub AID-UK has been continuing to support the community groups with information and

inputs to connect them to the civil society groups in India. We have been able to engage them in a poverty reduction agenda by using various information and communication technologies. AID-UK continues to raise awareness and to get their support to community based interventions.

Objectives

The goal of the project is to raise awareness among the Asian community (through their organisations in UK) on local and global issues of development linking South Asia and Europe. The objective of the project is to create an understanding of the personal, family and community links existing on local and global issues and to increase their contribution in influencing the development trends and promotion of local global action for poverty reduction.

Support

Though the project could not get external funds, the works were continued like last year with voluntary inputs. Local resources from Asian community were raised to continue the development education actions.

Management and operation

The project is run on voluntary basis by volunteers from the Asian community and overseas and community workers. The Executive Director supervised and helped them in carrying out the work of the project. The work of the project was carried out through the community organisations such as Gurduwaras, Hindu temples and schools and youth forums in the UK.

Activities and accomplishments

- 1 Connected few Asian community forums with the projects back in Jharkhand and Odisha.
- 2 Used the web for dissemination of development issues and MDG related grassroots information among Asian communities.
- 3 ICT deployed for mobilisation of Asian community organisations with focus on poverty reduction linking the developing countries.
- 4 Continuous information support provided by using multimedia inputs to Asian community based organisations.
- 5 Networking made through the use of ICT including radio with continuing focus on MDG.

The key achievements in this year were:

- Supplied information on development and poverty reduction in India using ICT among Asian communities.
- Linked up Asian groups with the grassroots forums in India.
- Shared the value of ICT in connecting the unconnected and including the excluded communities.
- Networked with other ICT players and the information exchanged for the benefit of the persons interested in knowing local development issues.
- Created a portal to link up Asian community forums to promote exchange and

- learning from each other.
- Initiated effort to support and sponsor local development initiatives using ICT.