



# Seb's Projects India Annual Report 2017 - 18

*Celebrating Change*





## SEB'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS



KUPSOOR



THANIYAMARATHUR



PERIYATHANKOTAI



PERIYAPANAPARAI



PALAMARATHUKOLLA



MARUTHVALIMEDU



## SEB'S SCHOOLS STEPPING UP.... MOVING TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

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This would be a great blessing and boost for our teachers and students. We are thrilled that our advocacy over the years has borne fruit, and that the government recognizes the needs of the people living in these remote communities and endorses our model of ushering education.

*Partnerships leading change and  
development in the Jawadhi.*



## EDUCATION LEADING TO TRANSFORMATION



We have enrolled 290 tribal students across 7 Seb's NRSTC Primary Schools. We are proud that over the past years 250 students have completed their primary education and moved to middle school and continue their high school education. A few years back it was a challenge for us to sustain the children through middle school. Our success of running the primary schools effectively in the villages, has now gained their trust and they understand the importance of education, with the parents leading their children to boarding schools to continue their education. This year we successfully made 43 transitions from primary to middle school.



## QUALITY EDUCATION WITHIN THE REACH

In another landmark achievement Seb's tribal school encouraged and provided the opportunity for 29 fifth grade students to write the entrance exam for sixth grade admission organized by Eklavya model school in Jammunamarthur of Thiruvanamallai district. The Eklavya government model school provides scholarships for the complete school education and focuses on quality of education. We are happy to inform that 11 students have qualified in the entrance exam and were enrolled in sixth grade.



## MUSIC SPORT AND ART an opportunity to learn and excel.

This year our Seb's School children had a new experience of learning by exhibiting their talents through different competitions. A number of sports competitions like - Kho-Kho, Kabaddi were organized between Seb's schools.

Debates were conducted during the Teacher's day celebration. Children spoke confidently on the given topics displaying their public speaking abilities and confidence. Students also participated in art and quiz competitions.

Members of the music band were awarded certificates of merit on completion of three years in the school band.









PERIYAPANAPARAI  
Tribal Village  
SEB'S SCHOOL  
PERIYAPANAPARAI

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## COMMUNITY'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

It is mandatory that the land on which the new class rooms are built to be registered under the Education Department. We were overwhelmed at the generosity of individuals who willingly donated their land for the cause of education.

### **New School initiative:**

We would like to introduce you to our new Tribal school at Chinnaettipetti village, where we supported the teachers. This school was started as an initiative by the tribal community under a Tamarind tree with 40 students. We were successful in getting the NRSTC approval from the government at the end of the school year.



*Local People at the heart of solution.*





## MEET GANESAN - AN INSPIRING STORY

Ganesan a young man, the teacher who was instrumental in starting the Chinnaettipetti school, attributes his education to his mother who was determined to educate her son.

He relates an incident in his life which was the turning point. His mother received a letter from the government and she had to go from village to village to get somebody to read the letter. It was frustrating and a painful experience. So she decided that she would send her son to school and ensure there is one person in her village who is literate. Ganesh believes it is education that has got him where he is today and wants to make sure every child in his village gets an opportunity to attend school. He took the lead in creating an awareness among the community on the importance of education. On starting the school he used the students to raise awareness through role plays and drama.







## **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### **-making dreams come true**

Seb's scholarship program works in partnership with various individual donors for educating the tribal students and under privileged deserving students around Vellore district.

Since 2010 the scholarship program has awarded over 250 students in middle/high school in the tribal and rural communities. The Seb's scholarship program continues to provide children with the opportunity to get an education and dream of a better life.

School education in India is free and compulsory. However the cost of higher education is high and demanding. Also cost of educating a school child is highly challenging for the tribal communities. Due to less access to middle school they are bound to opt for boarding schools and this increases the burden to spend for boarding supplies and other needs.

The primary objective of the Seb's scholarship program is to encourage children who can progress beyond grade six to middle school, high school and to professional courses thus achieving the goal that every child has the right to education.

We are also celebrating the fact that all our scholarship students who are pursuing their professional courses have successfully cleared their exams and continue to do well in the courses.



**Pandian has completed  
his diploma in AC mechanic.**



Chellama is in the second year of her nursing course at MA Chithambaram College of nursing at Chennai. She has completed her first year exams and scored above average marks in all the subjects.


She is very interested in her practical work. She likes to be in hospital and get hands on training in assisting patients. She has gained confidence and these two years of her college experience has changed her a lot.

Chellama is so appreciative of her hostel and the security she enjoys being in a safe and lovely environment which is a new experience when compared to her home situation in the past. We met her recently and asked for her need, she replied that she has to study well and complete her nursing course. She enjoys her college thoroughly in all aspects.

We celebrate the success of Mohan our first tribal student who completed his BE in Civil Engineering.







Seb's School is our School

செப்ஸ் பள்ளி எங்கள் பள்ளி

.... We like coming to school

எங்களுக்கு பள்ளிக்க வர படிக்கும்

.... We learn

நாங்கள் கற்றுக்கொள்கிறோம்

.... We Play

நாங்கள் விளையாடுகிறோம்

.... We make friends

நாங்கள் நண்பர்களாக இருக்கிறோம்

and have lots of fun.

நாங்கள் மகிழ்ச்சியாக உள்ளோம்

## PRE SCHOOL/ BALWADI PROGRAM

### - first step to learning

Two Balwadi centers have been fully established in Periyapannaparai and Palamarathukollai with 25 kids in each center and there has been growing interest amongst young mothers to learn about maternal health needs and health of their growing children. The local balwadi teachers serve the community through the Balwadi's and conduct regular visits to the homes of mothers and infants.

Five students from our balwadi were enrolled in Class 1. We are happy to report they adjusted very well at the start of the school and Seb's Schools were delighted to welcome them to our Primary School.

Another 2 distribution points are also operational near our other tribal schools. At these points we receive nutritional supplements from the government ICDS Program and they are distributed to pregnant and lactating mothers and their children below the age of three.



## WE HAVE COVERED

128  
Children



19  
Villages



152  
Mother



## HEALTH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



- All the NRSTC schools are provided with a hot nutritious noon meal and evening snack.
- Daily vegetables are added to the meals to provide better nutrition. This year the schools were provided with eggs by the NRSTC.
- Teachers and students organized a rally holding placards and voicing slogans all around the villages on Dengue awareness day. The causes, symptoms and treatment were taught to the people in the community.
- Our teachers go an extra mile to educate students on healthy life practices. Students were given a neat and clean hair cut by our school teachers which was highly appreciated by the parents.
- Health workers organized awareness programs for pregnant women and school children on hygiene practice and Pre and Post natal care.
- In partnership with Restless Development a workshop was conducted on the important issues of Sanitation, using toilets, hand washing techniques, Menstrual health and on Child Sexual Abuse.





## HEALTH WORKERS IN COMMUNITY

Asodha and Sulochana are tribal girls, with a Diploma in Patient Care from Sittilingi Tribal Initiative. They were employed by Seb's to carry out the Health initiative. They mobilized the community when the medical teams arrived in the villages and educated the community on health issues. They also carried out a survey of the village population and their health status

They maintain records of pregnant women, births and deaths in the village. They closely monitor the new born babies and ensure that they are immunized. They are provided with a small medical kit of stethoscope, BP apparatus and glucometer. The community started to trust and accept them as health workers.

Asodha and Sulochana have been recruited recently by Christian Medical College and Hospital as part of their health team in the Jawadhi which would be a great opportunity for them to hone their skills and be a part of a bigger health initiative.







# SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM

The spirit of entrepreneurship is fast spreading in the tribal communities where Seb's Projects has a presence. They are business savvy and confident to negotiate better prices, more aware of the government schemes and willing to get further skilled to improve their livelihoods.

The journey of the Thandayankotai women who manage the Eco Trails for University students and production of handmade soaps today have further improved their ability to earn better incomes from the forest produces.

Women who never ventured out of their homes collect the fruits of the forest and take it to the markets in Anaicut and Vellore which would get them a better price than selling it to a middleman.

Some of the women seized the opportunity to learn the skill of spinning cotton and they have a steady business to spin within the comfort of their own villages which has enhanced their earnings.

## AT TRIFED EXHIBITION



## BUILDING STRONG, SELF - RELIANT COMMUNITIES

In Periyapanaparai we had established the idea of running a shop. Today there are 3 shops and two successful women's self help groups who have accessed 300,000 rupees from the government scheme and are in the process of procuring and rearing goats which would be distributed to each member.

The Samai Machine Project in Peenjamandhai will help at least 20 villages around to process their millets and market it for a better price also make it a part of their diet.



**JOHN AND MARIE INAGURATED  
THE MILLET PROCESSING CENTER**



## NEW PARTNERSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES



Neema Varghese our Board member received the Global Employee Award for the year 2017 from Corporater in recognition of her involvement in social impact projects. The award was for 5000 USD which was presented to Seb's projects.



**CORPORATER PARTNERSHIP** : The visit of Tor Inge Vasshus the Founder and CEO of Corporater resulted in the adoption of Seb's projects as a Social impact initiative of Corporater with the commitment to provide quality education, healthcare and livelihood to the underprivileged who would otherwise continue to be in the peripheries of the social fabric.



## The Sebastian Hunter Memorial Trust and Seb's Project India express our sincere Thanks to

- **The Prayag Volunteers** continue their support through visits and providing material resources to Palamarathukollai school and village. The students eagerly look forward to their visit as it is always packed with fun.
- **Maria Marina Foundation** for their continued support for the last four years providing stability and the momentum, contributing to our success.
- Corporater
- District Education Department
- District Health Department
- District Forest Department
- The 5 Individual members in the Jawadhi hills who donated the land for building the schools.
  - Vinod and Asha Nehemiah
  - Angela and John
  - Geraldine and Anup
  - Sarah Lloyd
  - Amy Jackson and Charlotte
  - Slade and Hudson
  - Humanitarian Clowns
  - Susheela and Deepa Koshi
  - Rohan Venkatesh
  - Lions Club T Nagar
- ICDS
- TRIFED
- VIT University
- Abdul Hakeem College
- CMC CHAD HOSPITAL
- Linda Farley
- Jose Kochiyil
- Marie and John





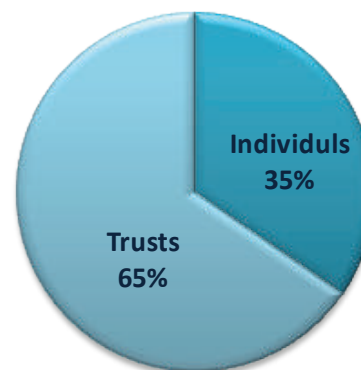
## OUR MONEY

Income: ₹ 57,55,737.00

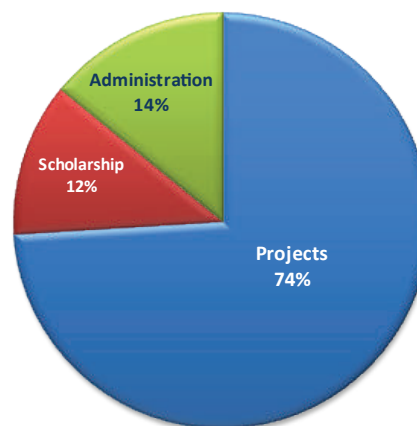
Expenditure: ₹ 49,88,537.00



### INCOME




### EXPENSES






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AND BE PART  
OF THE CHANGE**



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**SEBASTIAN HUNTER MEMORIAL TRUST**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**YEAR ENDED 25 MARCH 2018**

**Registered Number: 1119191**

**SEBASTIAN HUNTER MEMORIAL TRUST  
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS  
YEAR ENDED 25 MARCH 2018**

Trustees: Ms Anna Hunter  
James Hunter  
Adam Walford  
Mrs Laura Walford

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India

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Shurdington  
Cheltenham  
GL51 4GA



**SEBASTIAN HUNTER MEMORIAL TRUST**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 25 MARCH 2018**

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**Structure, governance and management**

The charity was constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 2006. The trustees, all family members, manage the Trust.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission relating to Public Benefit.

They ensure that all children who use the facilities of The Sebastian Hunter Memorial Trust, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion or family background have equal access. The libraries, science laboratory and computer facilities are free for all pupils to use.

**Objectives and activities**

The trustees shall hold the income and capital of the Trust upon trust to apply them for such charitable purposes and such registered charities as the trustees in their absolute discretion think fit from time to time.

The Sebastian Hunter Memorial Trust was set up as an informal charity in 2002 following the tragic death of Sebastian in June 2001. It is run by Seb's family and the initial project was to build a primary school in a poor, remote village called Senji Mottur in Tamil Nadu, South India. Other projects followed and their progress is described below.

India was chosen as it was a place Sebastian visited and loved, and as a family the trustees have friends locally who are able to project manage and advise them on where money is most needed.

**Achievements and performance**

**Extract from the Trustees Annual Report**

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We have been pleased to help elderly sufferers of leprosy at Karigiri – people who have been removed from their communities due to the stigma of the disease. In addition we continue to help elderly residents in the Jawadi Hills through our healthcare programmes.

The full report can be found on the charity's website <http://www.sebsschool.org>.

**Financial review**

Cash funds of £30,197(2017- £25,072) remain after supporting the above projects in the year to 25th March 2018.

**Reserves**

It is the policy of the charity to expend funds received as soon as need arises.

Reserves are not required to administer the charity.

**SEBASTIAN HUNTER MEMORIAL TRUST**  
**ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)**  
**YEAR ENDED 25 MARCH 2018**

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Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements 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 in operational existence.

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 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Independent examiners**

The trustees recommend that Randall & Payne LLP remain in office until further notice.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 24 November 2018

Laura Walford

Anna Hunter



## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the accounts of Sebastian Hunter Memorial Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Sebastian Hunter Memorial Trust for the year ended 25 March 2018.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**R W Stokes FCCA**  
**For and behalf of**  
**Randall & Payne LLP**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Date: 08 January 2019**

**Chargrove House**  
**Shurdington**  
**Cheltenham, Gloucestershire**  
**GL51 4GA**

**SEBASTIAN HUNTER MEMORIAL TRUST  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDED 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

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	<b>2018 TOTAL Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>2017 TOTAL £</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Donations and associated Income Tax recovery	<b>45,545</b>	69,257
Grants received	<b>10,000</b>	10,000
	<hr/> <b>55,545</b>	<hr/> 79,257
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Funding for projects in India	<b>49,222</b>	60,530
Other donations	<b>100</b>	4,590
Bank charges	<b>30</b>	50
Accountancy and Independent Examination	<b>1,068</b>	1,032
	<hr/> <b>50,420</b>	<hr/> 66,202
<b>Net receipts</b>	<b>5,125</b>	13,055
Cash funds at 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	<b>25,072</b>	12,017
	<hr/> <b>30,197</b>	<hr/> 25,072
<b>Cash funds at 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>



**SEBASTIAN HUNTER MEMORIAL TRUST  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
YEAR ENDED 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

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	2018 £	2017 £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	<u>30,197</u>	<u>25,072</u>
<b>Debtors</b>		
Income Tax recovery	<u>8,715</u>	<u>6,639</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Independent Examiner's fee	<u>1,116</u>	<u>1,068</u>

Signed .....  
Laura Walford

Signed .....  
Anna Hunter

Dated: 24 November 2018

**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

1. The trustees neither waived nor received any emoluments during the period.

Independent examiners report is included in the Financial Statements.

Pls see these.