



Stichting  
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Foundation  
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## Preamble

### The Oath

Stichting Terre des Hommes Foundation [STdHF) is a not-for-profit company founded with the mission to “prevent child exploitation, remove children from exploitative situations and ensure that these children can develop themselves in a safe environment” We are registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 in India, working towards a vision to see a world in which children are no longer exploited. We envisage a world where all children have a decent life and can grow up to be independent adults. We will continue our work until this is accomplished. Our major purpose is "to support, carry out, disseminate knowledge and develop various interventions of Child Care Programmes in India and establish funds to revolve in order to attain economic independence of the families with children in distress". Therefore, our focus is on stopping child exploitation and the most serious violations of the rights of the child.





## History

### Our Story

Terre des Hommes-Netherlands (TdH-NL) is an international non-governmental organisation that has a long legacy of funding and supporting a number of well-known grassroots NGOs and their various projects in India over 30 years. Having a strong presence all over Indian subcontinent for the betterment of children, it is placed at par with other INGOs like Save the Children, ChildFund International, Plan International and many others. With a long term vision to continue the support, carry out and develop various interventions of child care programmes in India and establish funds to support families with children in distress, Stichting Terre des Hommes Foundation (STdHF) was founded as a non-profit company registered in India.



## Vision

"A world in which all children have a decent existence and can grow up to become independent adults. A world in which children are no longer being exploited. We continue until this is achieved"

## Mission

"Prevent child exploitation, remove children from exploitative situations and ensure that these children can develop themselves in a safe environment"

# Objectives

## Our goals

STdH Foundation was founded to realise the following objectives :

### 1. Supporting Child Care programmes

To support child care programmes in India, to technically assist not-for-profit organisations engaged in child care programmes through technical inputs, to coordinate programs being implemented by various not-for-profit organisations and to monitor those institutions being supported financially and technically by the company.

### 2. Carrying out Child Care Programmes

To carry out child care programmes in India with an aim of developing and nurturing children who are in distress and in need of physical, mental, social and economic support, regardless of their caste, creed and community. To research and develop various interventions from time to time to improve the programme delivery methods and programme design to adapt to the changing needs of the community and the developmental partners in change.

### 3. Disseminating knowledge on Child Care programmes

To disseminate knowledge on child care and all related developmental ideas to all those who work for children, women and for the vulnerable communities.

### 4. Providing Financial Support

To financially support families in need, community based organisations

and registered associations who are working for children and related thematic programs in India with funding, technical and networking supports. To establish child care programmes to offer health awareness, early childhood education, formal / non-formal education and skill development for children who are deprived of such facilities and utilities.

## **5. Facilitating community led economic empowerment**

To establish funds that are of revolving nature, to support the communities, as an indirect development of families of children, who are in distress, with an aim of improving their family income, asset creation to such families and creating access to attain economic freedom. To participate in programmes of other institutions, to contribute learning from the field and to learn from practices of other institutions who are working globally.

## **6. Imparting Training**

To impart training to various stakeholders in child care and related thematic programmes with an aim of creating awareness and to improve efficiency in programme management.

# Governance and Management

## Our Team

STdH Foundation is governed and managed as the policy framework laid under Indian Companies Act, 2013. The Foundation is headed by Mr. Thangaperumal Ponpandi who serves as its managing director. It is governed by the 3 Board of Directors. The implementation of the various project activities are done by the dedicated team of staff deputed for the said project in the specific locations. The projects are decided by the Managing Director, as advised by the Board, and manages the same with the team of staff.

S. No.	Full name of the board member	Gender	Occupation	Experience in years
1	Mr. Thangaperumal Ponpandi	Male	Social worker	20 years
2	Mr. Subramania Siva. S	Male	Social Worker	45 years
3	Mr. Carel Willem Jan Kok	Male	Social worker	15 years



# Programme Activities 2020

## 1.Sports material for school children at Bagepalli



According to the UNCRC, Child Rights are minimum entitlements and freedom that should be afforded to all persons below the age of 18, regardless of race, colour, gender, language, religion, opinions, origins, wealth, birth status or ability and therefore apply to all people everywhere. The UN finds these rights interdependent and indivisible, meaning that a right cannot be fulfilled at the expense of another right. The four categories are:

- Right to Survival,
- Right to Protection,
- Right to Participation, and
- Right to Development

They encompass all civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights of every child.

Under Right to Development, Right to Play is very important for a child. Keeping this in mind, a Government school from Bagepalli was identified and provided with Sport material such as volleyball, tennis racket, football, tennis ball, cricket bat etc.

S No	Sports material	Quantity
1	Volleyball	2
2	Football	2
3	Shuttle racket	6
4	Tennikoit rings	4
5	Skipping ropes	4
6	Cricket bat	2
7	Tennis ball	10
8	Shuttlecock	10

The children expressed their gratitude towards the company and assured that they will utilise the materials effectively and support other children in school to understand the child rights. The school teachers expressed that, apart from academic, even physical fitness programs like regular exercise and playing is very important to lead a happy and healthy life. Awareness programs like this bring a lot of changes in the community and the parents start to realise about the future of their children. They expressed their gratitude to the organisers and the company.

## 2. Education Materials for school going children

Despite being one of the fastest growing economies, still some remote pockets of India have been struggling towards meeting the challenge of ensuring even basic universal elementary education for all. As per Census 2011, India's literacy rate is at 74.04% and gender literacy gap is noted to be at 16.68%. It also reveals that about 32 million children, aged between 6 to 13 years, have never attended any educational institution. Such figures clearly depict the amount of concerted effort that is required towards improving the education status even at elementary level. India has a significant task of mainstreaming a huge chunk of the population into the education continuum. Over the years, the country has endeavoured towards achieving a fulfilling education status; and for the same, India is constantly exploring strategies through which knowledge and skills can be imparted. The key challenges and areas of concern that requires innovation and focused efforts for overcoming the same, includes the following-

- Establishing basic infrastructure in educational institutions,
- Ensuring functional amenities,
- Increasing availability of trained teachers,
- Improving quality of teaching-learning,

The challenges need to be looked at with a broader vision of creating/developing opportunities through collaborative interventions to bridge the existing gap. It is here where Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and corporates can partner to assist the government in pooling human, technical and financial resources through innovative approaches, thereby strengthening the education system in the country, leading to sustained social and economic transformation and empowerment of all sections of the population.

In the light of the above emerging scenario, STdH Foundation played a crucial role in creating opportunities by bringing the right partners together for investing in strategic and innovative implementable education projects for desirable change as a part of affirmative action. Thirumalapuram is a small hamlet in Melaneelithanallur Block in Tirunelveli District of Tamil Nadu State where there is lack of

awareness about the importance of education and only a few are sent to school. These few children also many times dropped out from the school due to lack of motivation and support materials to continue their education. In order to motivate these children, it was decided to give an awareness to continue their education and also provide support materials for their education.



Around 700 students and 50 teachers, along with the community members participated in the awareness raising programme. The school children were gifted with educational support material, which surprised and motivated the children to continue their education. All the children and the community members assured to continue the education and also promised to ensure to prevent the school drop outs in their community.

In the process of refurbishing the school to make it more child friendly environment, drinking water facility to students was started, tree saplings were planted, and awareness creation was done through mime shows and songs. To support the quality of teaching and learning, guide books were provided to two intellectually challenged students. After the event a pledge was taken by the students that no one will drop out of school but will at least complete their secondary school level at any cost.

### 3. COVID-19 relief

The COVID-19 pandemic caused a worldwide catastrophe. In India, many poor families lost their means of livelihood and were not able to survive.

We provided these vulnerable people with dry ration and hygiene kits to ensure their survival. The following were the groups of people we targeted :



#### a. Coolie Workers

We decided to extend our support to 35 families below the poverty line who depend on daily wage from coolie (luggage carriers) work.

An effective humanitarian response includes avoiding overlapping of relief activities. The State Government was already providing the above mentioned families with rice, pulses and cooking oil. To avoid duplication of efforts, we decided to provide them with 1 kg. Sooji, 1kg. Onion, 1kg. Potato, half kg. Sugar, one packet of salt and 50 grams of turmeric powder.

The intention behind this initiative was to ensure that families depending on coolie work are well fed.



## b. Health and Sanitation Workers

As part of our COVID response, we distributed food, masks, hygiene kits and snacks to health workers in Salem, Tamil Nadu.





### c. Migrants

The COVID pandemic has affected the whole of India, specifically migrant daily wage earners. This group of people have lost means of earning an income. They are either stranded, in transit or have moved back to their villages. Due to their vulnerable position, they face several problems, most specifically lack of access to basic food and shelter.

We distributed rice, dal, cooking oil, vegetables and soaps to 25 poor migrant families at Bheemadevarapally Mandal, Warangal Urban District, who have lost their livelihood due to the ongoing national lockdown announced by the Government for India as part of COVID-19 prevention.

The Local Government officials and public representatives of Bheemadevarapally Mandal, Warangal Urban District extended their support and cooperation in distributing these provisions to migrant families.

#### d. Children with Special Needs

Karunalaya is a residential school for intellectually challenged and cerebral palsy children, who are mostly orphans or destitute. The school is located in Tiruchendur, Tamil Nadu.

At the onset of COVID-19, fifteen children from Karunalaya had no one to take care of them.

We provided them with a supply of drr ration and food materials.



## e. Women and children in Vyasarpadi



People in urban slums are extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 and its added implications.

This applies to those residing in Chennai's Vyasarpadi slums. 75% of residents are daily wage earners, they are either porters, auto drivers or housemaids and construction workers. This makes them all the more vulnerable to the coronavirus pandemic.

We work with women and children of Vyasarpadi who are extremely poor. Their families found it extremely difficult to run themselves during this crisis.

We reached out to fifteen such families and provided them with rice, oil and biscuits.



## 4. Cyclone Fani Relief (Orissa)



As we know the devastation cyclone Fani hit Odisha on 3rd May, 2019 and its landfall was between Nuanai river to Bhargavi River of Puri District. It is already one month of the cyclone but still the situation of the affected communities remains the same. In this scenario, the children of affected communities lost their notes and other study materials.

We helped the children of Puri by donating Rs.20,000/- to Living Humanity Trust for providing education material to the children as per their need.

First, we decided to distribute in a different place but after visiting some places we decided to distribute the kits at Bankimuhan Slum, Puri, Odisha. On 16th of June this month 3 volunteers from Living Humanity went to Bankimuhan with Educational Kits for Distribution and they arranged a meeting and distributed the kits among 108 children. The educational kit contains various books like dictionaries, word books, grammar books etc. And notepad, pen, geometric box, tiffin box. It was divided as per the need and age of the child which will help them in the long run. The program was successful. The children were very happy to get all these things.



## 5. Flood Relief in North Karnataka



Widespread continuous heavy rainfall over northern Karnataka districts in August 2019 has impacted the region resulting in floods which has led to human loss, livestock loss, landslips, water logging, livelihood losses, property damage, agricultural damage and damage to essential infrastructure (Roads, Water Supply, and Electricity etc.) affecting about seven hundred thousand people in the region. Rescue and relief efforts were undertaken in the flood affected Districts with the help of Army, Navy, Air Force, Nation Disaster Response Forces, State Disaster Relief Forces, District Administration, various civil society organizations and local people. As per the official data released by the State Government of Karnataka due to North Karnataka Floods 2019 the damage assessed that a total of 61 people lost their lives, 15 people were missing.

The farmers had lost not less than 859 livestock. A total of 697,948 people were evacuated to rescue from the water, whereas 51,460 animals were also evacuated. A



a total of 1,160 Relief Camps were set up to cater the immediate needs of the people evacuated from floods. A total of 396,617 people across Northern Karnataka were sheltered in temporary relief camps. More than 56,381 houses collapsed or were severely damaged. It was also estimated that more than 0.458 million hectares of agriculture and horticulture cross occurred permanent loss.

Due to the heavy water discharge from the Maharashtra reservoirs, the North Karnataka districts of Belagavi, Vijayapur, Raichur, Kalburgi, Yadgir and Uttara Kannada were severely affected by the flood discharge.

In the month of August 2019 these districts have received nearly six times the rainfall it normally used to have. Though altogether 11 districts in northern Karnataka had been affected by floods, Belgaum district was the worst affected by this natural calamity. In this district itself a total of 380 villages and more than 160,000 people were evacuated. Many of the schools in this area were converted as rescue centers and schools were declared holidays for almost a month.

As an immediate response to help the people affected by the floods, several Civil Society Organisations, Industrial and corporate houses, business entities, donor agencies and people from local and all over Karnataka have joined the efforts of the government in rescue and rehabilitation operations and in providing basic amenities such as food, clothing, shelter facilities etc.

Later when the people had gone back to their villages several organisations assisted in providing beddings, clothes, utensils, cooking materials and grocery provisions. A few organizations, which are engaged in health activities, were involved in conducting health checkup camps day and night and sanitation work during the post flood period. However, it is noticed that several people and organisations have assisted the people and met the overall needs of the families as a whole.

### **The beneficiaries:**

Several people in the district of Belgaum were severely affected by the floods. The agricultural crops grown are vanished due to water logging. Several houses were fully or partially collapsed. In this situation, The Stichting Terre Des Hommes Foundation, came forward to rescue four families. An amount of Rs. 20,000/= (Rupees twenty thousand only) has been spent by the Foundation towards the house repairs of four of the below named families;

1. Prema Maruti Peeranwadi of Teerthkunde village of Belgaum location
2. Laxmi Ningappa Jamboti of Teerthkunde of Belgaum location
3. Laxmi Basappa Naikar of Hanabaratti of Bailhongal location
4. Priyanka Sanju Kamble of Jodakurali of Chikodi location.

The houses of these families are partially collapsed due to heavy rains and floods and the cost of repairing the houses is estimated around Rs. 40,000/- to Rs. 50,000/-. However, as an emergency relief Stichting Terre Des Hommes has provided the construction materials such as Cement, sand, bricks, roofing sheets worth Rs. 5,000/= each to the families. With the help of the materials



support received from the foundation and the emergency assistance received from the local Gram Panchayat, the families have repaired their houses.

### Outcome:

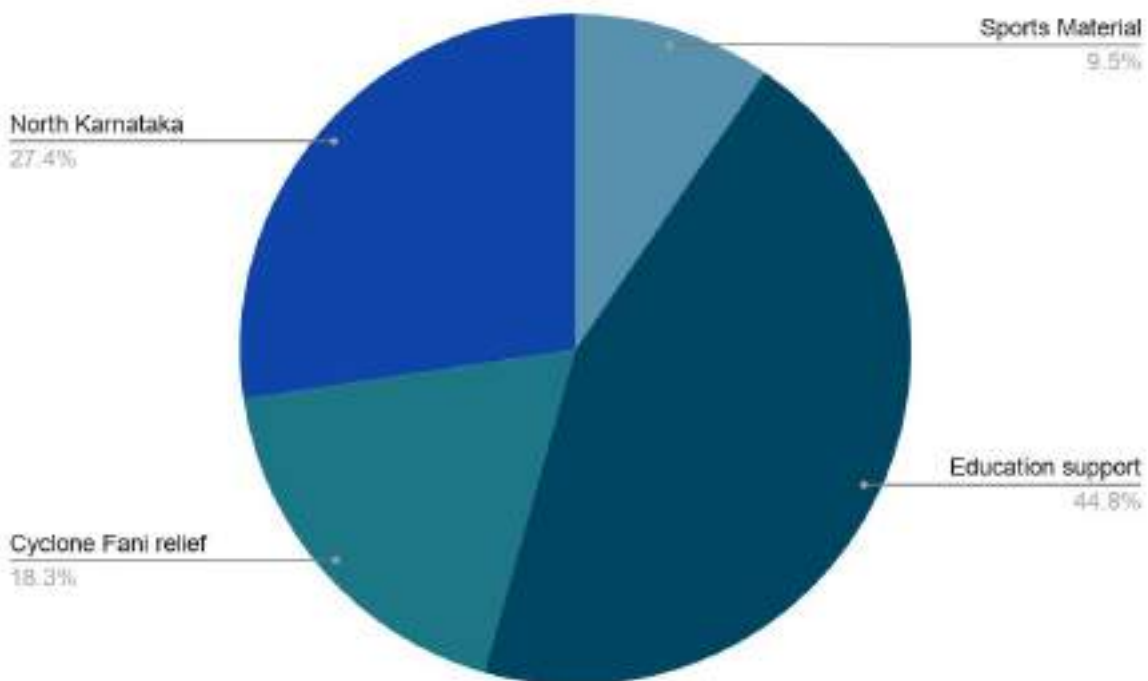
Four economically backward families were assisted to repair and rebuild the collapsed walls of the houses. The assistance for affected families has come at the right time when they were desperately looking for help. A hope among the affected families who are in a state of traumatic experience was instilled. It was a great relief for the families to learn a helping hand from Stichting Terre Des Hommes extended to them during their need of time. The Families were feeling proud to know that the assistance to their families came because of their cause.



# Budget

## Our Investment

Particulars	Amount (INR)
Sports Material for children in Bagepalli	10,884
Education Material for School Relief	51,186
COVID-19 Relief	1,17,034
Cyclone Fani Relief	20,839
North Karnataka Flood Relief	31,227



# Partners and Supporters

## Our Network



The various activities thus executed would not have been possible with the committed support of the grassroots NGOs and their staff members. Here is the list of our implementation partners, collaborators, well-wishers and supporters who joined hands with us in realising the outcomes of our various initiatives.

## NGO Partners

S.No.	Name of the NGO	Location	Website
1	SIVA Trust	Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu	<a href="http://sivatrust.in">http://sivatrust.in</a>
2	HOPE	Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh	
3	PMSR	Chamrajnagar, Karnataka	<a href="http://pmsrngo.org">http://pmsrngo.org</a>

## Supporters/ Volunteers

- Ashok kumar, Bagepalli
- Paul prasanna kumar, Chittoor
- Selwyn Thomas, Tirunelveli
- Deepa Karuna, Warangal
- Rathika Thanis, Tiruchendur
- Mr. Sundara moorthy, Chennai
- Sam Seva Durai, Salem
- John Kennedy, Chennai
- Karthick and Mahalakshmi from Vanniconendal, Tamil Nadu

## Government partners

We also thank the various government stakeholders viz., Child protection and welfare departments, Primary Health Centres (PHCs)/ Government Hospitals and other

personnel at the Health department and School Education departments at the respective project locations.

## Thank you Donors!

We wish to acknowledge the kind deed of all the donors who have provided financial support. We thank all our well-wishers for their dedication due to which we have been able to make all our programmes a reality and broaden our horizon. The support received from the community enabled us to conduct mega health camps by raising funds from the local leaders and the individuals, to make the event a big success. Our partnership with other organisations, working for Children and Women, also helped us to achieve our goal for the year by providing various supports to the needy and disadvantaged people.

## Way Forward

A small quantum of service has been envisaged to bring positive transformation in the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community. The activities of the company, though, at a smaller level, impacts a lot in the lives of the children. We, at Stichting Terre des Hommes Foundation, hope to broaden and deepen our support in all parts of the country and create a positive impact in the lives of the children in need and their families.

Thank you all our dear and beloved donors and well wishers for making our interventions very meaningful and fruitful. With your support we were able to bring transformation in the lives of hundreds of less privileged people in our society.

**Our Heartfelt Gratitude to all our Donors and partners for initiating STdH  
Foundation development programs....**