

# Society for Community Action Network-India {SCAN-INDIA}

*Transforming lives and communities.....*



## About Us

***Society for Community Action Network-India {SCAN-INDIA}*** came into existence in the year 1995 in Chittoor in the state of Andhra Pradesh in South India. SCAN is a registered non-profit, humanitarian organization working for the empowerment of the poor and the underprivileged and is duly recognized by the ministry of finance under the income tax act and the ministry of home affairs, Government of India under the FCRA act. ***The magnitude of poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, drought and the declining health status of people in the region was the major driving force behind establishing this organization by the founder and his team***".

## Our Vision

"Our vision is to see sustainable and self-reliant communities which are free from poverty, hunger and discrimination and have better quality of life".

## Our Mission

"Our mission is to create opportunities for the poor and the underprivileged, with special concern for the Children, Women and Youth to improve their living conditions and quality of life, through education, health care and economic development activities."

## Specific focus areas of work:-

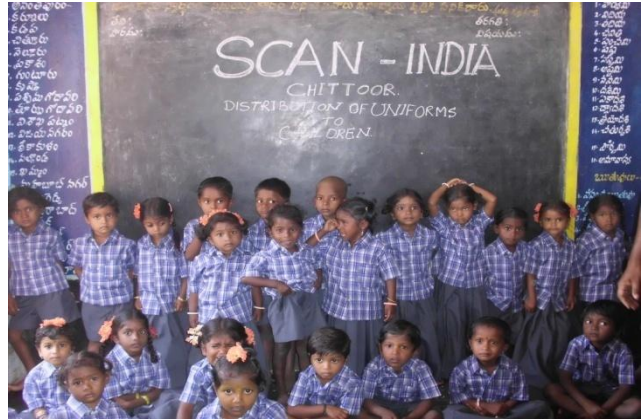
- Women Empowerment
- Child care
- Youth development
- Health care to the poor
- Education & Vocational skills training
- Safe water to the needy
- Support to the disabled
- Environmental awareness and conservation

- Renewable energy & appropriate technology etc,.

## Current Projects:-

### a) Child Care:

**Day Care centres:** SCAN-INDIA is more concerned about the children as they are the future citizens and architects of the country. Improving the lives of young children is a major commitment of this organization. A large number of children in the villages lack basic education health care and nutrition to grow strong physically and intellectually. We value the importance of childhood in shaping their dreams, aspirations and potential for the future. Scan India runs day care centers (crèches) for the rural children to lay a strong foundation in primary education and health & hygiene areas.



**Children at the child care centre with their new uniforms donated by Mr.Tillmann vonCarnap - a volunteer from Germany**



**The children at the Child-Care Center at Pulimadugu village in Chittoor district**

These centres function as pre-schools with a strength of around 25 children each between the age group of 2-5 where they get fundamental primary education, lessons on health & hygiene, and nutritious meal. These centres are also equipped with toys and learning materials for the exclusive use of the children. After this pre-schooling they would join the regular schools for further education. SCAN tries to offer these underprivileged children a childhood that will have a positive impact on their later lives equipped with good values.

## b) Women Empowerment:

Our community development programmes are need based and has resulted in strengthening the families. Women in rural India have historically been the victims of inequalities and vulnerable to economic, social and political exploitations. A vast majority of these women belong to the most backward communities in the Indian social hierarchy. They lack basic education, health care & social awareness and face various problems like poverty, unemployment, underemployment, landlessness etc.,.

One of the important things we do in our community development work is to organize these marginalized groups for development. Women self-help groups were formed to empower them socially and economically. These groups involve in savings and credit activities for income generation and take part in the various leadership development programmes. Through these programmes we make them aware of their political, economic and human rights. SCAN-INDIA just established a tailoring & computer training centre in Chittoor to provide them functional literacy and job oriented skills to improve their socio-economic condition.

## c) Youth Development:

Youth are the part and parcel of the social and cultural system of our society. Young people in the rural areas experience difficult challenges and face the burden of insufficient access to information, services and support. Even today, quality education and opportunities are a dream for many children and youth in the villages and they face the problems of poverty, unemployment and other opportunities. These kinds of situations are forcing them to take up the path of extremism and the anti social forces make use of the opportunity to exploit them.

Therefore scan-India initiated innovative programmes to help these young people to channelize their potential for their own development. Sensitization programmes are conducted to organize the youth in leadership development, counseling, career guidance and personality development areas. The JIVT centre trains the youth in job oriented vocational skills like computers, spoken English, tailoring and entrepreneurship. The National council of Rural Institutes (NCRI), under the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India supports the youth sensitization programmes.

## d) Health Care:

Health is not just freedom from disease; it concerns the well being in all areas of life. Despite a remarkable improvement in health indicators during recent decades, it is clear that these benefits are not spread equitably across all socio-economic groups. The South Asia region accounts for 40% of the world's maternal deaths. Inadequate access to health care, Low nutritional status and sharp economic poverty are the common problems in the rural areas. More than 6 million people in South Asia are living with HIV and AIDS and India has one of the largest HIV-positive populations in the world.

SCAN provides health care to the poor and needy through periodic health check-up camps and health awareness programmes in the communities. Many poor people get benefited through such medical camps and we believe that such programs make a major impact in reducing the illnesses caused by ignorance of basic hygiene in the villages. These kinds of camps are conducted to relieve the suffering from many easily treatable illnesses and instill the spirit of prevention rather than cure.



**Health checkup Camps conducted by SCAN-INDIA in the villages in Chittoor district**

**a) Environmental awareness & conservation:-**

Schools are an ideal setting for promoting environmental awareness. Scan-India conducts environmental awareness and conservation programmes among the school children and the women groups in the community. Massive tree plantation programmes, kitchen gardens, awareness on solar energy, rain water harvesting and medicinal plants conservation are some of the remarkable programmes being organized to educate the children and public on the protection of environment.

**b) Safe water:-**

Access to safe water is a fundamental human need and therefore it becomes a basic human right. But according to the World Bank estimates only 41.5% of the total population having access to improved water source and 21% of communicable diseases in India are related to unsafe water. Water-borne diseases are causing more than 4 million infants and child deaths every year in developing countries. Diarrhea alone causes more than 1,600 deaths daily in India. Ensuring safe water for the people is an important task of our organization as there is lack of access to clean water and sanitation in the rural areas.



The Chittoor town Municipal commissioner inaugurates the tree plantation programme

*"We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children"*



**Distribution of saplings to the women group members**

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

Scan's programmes promote education as a right, especially for girls and build skills training in economically productive activities for women and other vulnerable groups and develop effective strategic leadership through enhancement of management and leadership skills among the youth. Based on this concept, Scan-India intends to establish formal education centers in the target area to educate the rural children child labourers, street children and school drop outs. A vast majority of the youth in the villages are unemployed due to lack of job-oriented skills and are leading a difficult life of poverty and deprivation.

### **Johnson Institute of Vocational Training {JIVT}**

The JIVT (Johnson Institute of Vocational Training) is presently the most important project of SCAN-India. JIVT offer courses to young people in Computer applications, Literacy, spoken English, tailoring and entrepreneurship skills with a support from the **Rotary Club of Schleswig, Germany**. The Centre is conveniently located in the heart of Chittoor town where many youth are learning various job-oriented skills. These facilities would be expanded and many job-oriented courses will be introduced in the future for the benefit of the rural un-employed youth. We believe that this effort will raise the self-esteem of the underprivileged youth to learn an important skill which will empower them to get a job and a steady income.





**Students learning computers and tailoring skills at the JIVT vocational training centre**



**Children at our Child care centres**



**An international volunteer with the children**

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