

## **AN OVERVIEW OF THE TOILET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

SCINDeA is a Network of 14 field based organisations who have been working with the poor and marginalised communities for the last 21 years in the 3 southern states of Tamilnadu, Andra Pradesh and Karnataka. The Network's vision and mission was formulated in 1996 and revisited in 2006 when it underwent an organisational development process. The guiding principle of the Network is Empowerment of Communities through Peoples Participation.

SCINDeA is registered as a society under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act. It has its own identity and character. It is governed by an Executive Board which is elected by the General Body once in 3 years. SCINDeA since its inception has developed its own structure and systems to ensure social and financial accountability.

The programmatic development interventions have emerged basically from the local communities based on their needs. It is guided by the Common Minimum Development Programme Agenda which include various community development interventions like community organisation, community health, non-formal education, empowerment of women and youth, sustainable organic agriculture and livelihoods. A good rapport has been built with the community. Various categories of CBOs like Multi-purpose Workers, SHGs, Health Cells, Eco Cells, etc., have been organised. The focus of developing CBOs include mobilising, organising and awareness building of the communities along with enhancing capacities and skill of project staff.

The objective of the Toilet Construction Project is to create awareness on the negative consequences and health hazards of open air defecation and improve sanitation by constructing 150 toilets in 10 villages. Alongside health education programmes will be conducted and education materials distributed to poor rural and tribal families.

The programme will be implemented in a participatory manner by households in a village. Preference will be given to women who are members of the Self Help Groups. 150 households are expected to benefit from the project at the end of 6 months at the rate of an average of 4 persons per household.

The positive social and economic benefits of this project include:

- Women will have privacy to defecation
- Incidence of hook worm infection reduced
- Medical expenses related to unhygienic environment reduced
- Surrounding environment will be clean and healthy
- Pregnant women who may need to use toilets frequently will now have access to the same in their own households
- Safety and security of women ensured

**The local village committee in each village will:**

- Shortlist beneficiaries through a collective decision making process
- Physically verify that the applicant had sufficient space for construction and the

availability of water

- Accept and then submit to the NGO written applications
- Maintain records of financial transactions
- Ensure that the money is used for its intended purpose
- Ensure that at least one family member contributes labour to the toilet construction
- Ensure maintenance of the toilets and proper usage

### The stages of Project Implementation

Bringing hygiene and sanitation awareness to all members of a community such that it becomes an accepted part of their thinking requires sustained advocacy over a long period of time and the construction of toilets is only one aspect of the awareness programme. The project process can be separated into three parts.

1. In the pre-implementation stage sustained advocacy
2. The activity stage where households start to construct toilets
3. Post construction, in the third stage, the advocacy must continue to ensure appropriate use of toilets, to reach more people and to create awareness of modern health practices

### Monitoring and Evaluation

The SCINDeA Secretariat is the coordinating agency of all projects. At the Secretariat level the Programme Coordinator will coordinate the activities of all 10 areas. He/she will periodically visit the villages and interact with the short listed families and the local village committee members. Additionally the Executive Director of SCINDeA will also visit the 10 project sites.

### Budget

A detailed budget and break up is given below :

Sl.No.	Budget head	Amount	
		INR	USD
1	<b>Construction</b>		
	Rs.13400 x 15 toilets x 10 areas	2010000	31264.58
2	<b>Honorarium &amp; travel for volunteers</b>		
	Rs.2000 x 10 volunteers x 6 months	120000	1866.54
3	<b>Coordination &amp; Monitoring cost</b>		
	Rs.6000 x 1 staff x 6 months	36000	559.96
4	<b>Administration costs</b>	45000	699.95
	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2211000</b>	<b>34391.04</b>

**Construction cost for 1 toilet : 230.31 USD**

## BROCHURE



SOUTH CENTRAL INDIA NETWORK for DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES is a reputed pioneering Networking NGO that has been specializing in the field of development for the past 18-20 years. The Network is constituted of 14 field based organizations that are geographically situated in the south central regions of India covering 3 districts in Andhra Pradesh, 2 districts in Karnataka and 10 districts in Tamil Nadu.

The togetherness strengthens and supports the goal of the Network to collectively participate in empowering the vulnerable, marginalized, underprivileged, socially degraded, culturally alienated and the politically and economically powerless communities.

Through partnerships, programme designs, programme management impact and sustainability assessment SCINDeA has built a fairly good community rapport with different sectoral groups in grass root communities covering 337 villages, 205 panchayats, 39 blocks, 26 taluks, 16 districts & a population of 2,73,576.



PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

### Bharath Environment Seva Trust (BEST)

Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu

### Community Health Development Project (CHDP)

Udumelpet, Tirupur District, Tamil Nadu

### Centre for Rural Health and Social Education (CRHSE)

Tirupattur, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu

### Community Reconstruction of Social Service (CROSS)

Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh

### Centre For Research On The New International Economic Order (CReNIEO)

Chennai, Tamil Nadu

### KGF Women's Association (KGFWA)

Kolar District, Bangalore, Karnataka

### Quarry Workers Development Society (QWDS)

Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu

### Rural Education and Action for Development (READ)

Manamadurai, Sivagangai District, Tamil Nadu

### Rural Women's Development Society (RWDS)

Thiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu

### Social Animation Centre for Rural Education and Development (SACRED)

Bidadi, Ramanagaram District, Karnataka

### Slum Women's Advancement Project (UELCl-SWAP)

Chennai, Tamil Nadu

### Social Unit for Community Health and Improvement (SUCHI)

Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh

### Village Education and Economic Development Unit (VEEDU)

Sevoor, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu

### Women's Organisation in Rural Development (WORD)

Pallipalayam, Namakal District, Tamil Nadu



## Unique FEATURES

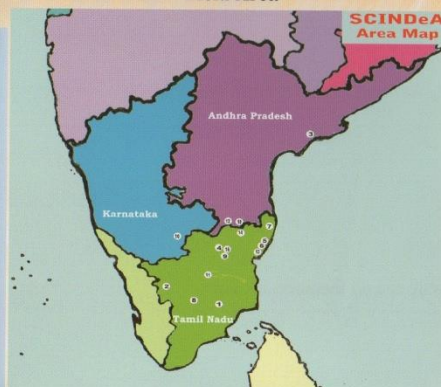
- ❖Members of the Network have field experience of 15-20 years.
- ❖Corporate identity of the NGO in the Network is maintained while networking between the NGOs is strengthened.
- ❖One third of the member NGOs are headed by women.
- ❖SCINDeA is coordinated by the Secretariat with a full time Executive Director.
- ❖Planning, implementation, reporting and evaluation of the Network are done collectively ensuring transparency and accountability. The collective decision of the Network is final.
- ❖Member NGOs share a cordial relationship with one another and with the Secretariat.
- ❖Within the Network there is no hierarchy and all members are equal
- ❖Policy decisions are taken by the Management Committee of the Network and ratified by the SCINDeA General Body Association
- ❖The Management Committee takes all interim decisions such as making provisions for budgetary requirements that are required to ensure the smooth running of the Network
- ❖Deviation of programme implementation with adequate justification is placed before the Management Committee for consideration via the Secretariat
- ❖At the Annual General Body meeting of SCINDeA narrative reports of the programmes of all NGOs along with their audited accounts and balance sheets are shared and discussed.

### Whom we work with

- Dalits
- Fisherfolk
- Quarry
- workers
- Slum dwellers
- Tribals
- Farmers
- Ex-miners



## Field Area



1. BEST
2. CHDP
3. CRHSE
4. CROSS
5. CReNIEO-Pulicat
6. KGFWA
7. QWDS
8. READ
9. RWDS
10. SACRED
11. CReNIEO -Yercaud
12. UELCI-SWAP
13. SUCHI
14. VEEDU
15. WORD
16. SCINDeA Secretariat

## VISION

SCINDeA envisions a society that is based on a just sustainable order; a society where all subaltern groups (Dalits, indigenous communities, quarry workers, slum dwellers, fisherfolk, unorganized sectors of women, youth & children) collectively participate in alternative socio-economic, cultural and political development programmes based on the principles of justice, equality, liberty & fraternity.



## MISSION

Build empowered and self reliant people's movements of Dalits, fisherfolk, quarry workers, slum dwellers, tribals, ex-minors, women & youth in the South Central region of the country by enhancing the capacity of staff of the partner organizations of the SCINDeA Network and evolving sustainable development programmes focused on gender equity, human rights and environmental protection through people's participation.

## STRATEGIES

- Identification of socio, economic, cultural & political issues affecting subaltern groups and promotion of alternative development interventions through people's participation.
- Enhancement of capacities and skills of staff of partner organizations of the SCINDeA
- Network and of the communities.
- Building people's organizations movements among the focus groups towards socio, economic, cultural & political empowerment & to federate them at SCINDeA Network level.
- Sensitization of focus / subaltern groups on gender justice & equity. Initiation of programmes that promote & protect the rights of women & children.
- Promotion of sustainable agricultural practices & protection of natural resources.
- Formulation of a gender policy at the Network level and developing programmes from a gender perspective
- Collaboration with like minded NGOs, Networks and government departments on development programmes and lobbying on issues

## OBJECTIVES

- To capacitate partner organization of the SCINDeA Network in realizing the set programme objectives towards empowering communities socially, economically, culturally and politically in order to build strong people's movements.
- To support and facilitate partner organizations in promoting alternative development initiatives
- To federate at the Network level people's movements promoted by partner organizations.
- To Network with likeminded NGOs and other forums on issues of common concern through advocacy and lobbying





## Focal Development Interventions

### Livelihood Promotion

The well being of the poorest of the poor is improved through skill training & income generating activities through the active participation of families.

Various skill training programmes like tailoring, driving, computer education etc. are offered to poor students.

Based on the skills available & the needs of the family various income generation activities like goat & cattle rearing, mini eateries petty shops etc. are given to deserving families based on criteria development by SCINDeA.



### Community Organisation

SCINDeA attempts to convert its more traditional awareness programmes into a people's movement where the 'process' become a 'product' through

- Formation of village units
- Cadre development
- Capacity building
- Movement building

Through the basic village unit communities are empowered to access civil amenities like street lights, water and road facilities etc. & develop linkages at the panchayat & block levels to mobilise social benefits through govt. schemes like widow and old age pensions, drinking water supply, house pattas and voter ID cards to name a few.



### Child Development

SCINDeA strongly believes in the holistic development of rural and tribal school going & adolescent children. To achieve this SCINDeA organises tuition centres, children's clubs & life skill education both in rural & tribal middle & high schools & in the villages through its partners.

- In the children's clubs children are imparted awareness on gender, environment, climate change, child rights & child protection.
- The life skill education programme sensitizes adolescent boys & girls on health & reproductive issues & how to take the right decision at the right time.
- Through tuition centres most of the children being first generation learners are coached in academics & extra curricular activities



### Health & Sanitation

With support from the rural & tribal communities & the local panchayats SCINDeA has constructed low cost toilets thereby benefiting young girls, women, the elderly & the disabled.

Water development through the installation of bore wells have also been undertaken with the support of the community.



### Climate Change Initiatives

In recent years SCINDeA has initiated :

- Climate change education in schools & colleges
- Climate change education in rural & tribal communities
- Formation of Green Clubs
- Promotion of green villages
- 7 partners of the SCINDeA Network have developed Project Design Documents to implement improved cook stoves to mitigate climate change.



### Capacity Building of Staff & Communities

Both technical and non technical skills of staff and communities are constantly being improved and upgraded.





## Coordination

### Central Level

The Secretariat is the coordinating body of the Network. It channels funds to partner organisations and is responsible for both programmes & financial monitoring & coordination.

It also organises for partner organisations of the Network :

- Training programmes both in finance management & programme implementation
- Workshops and seminars
- De-centralised coordination visitation programmes
- Inter-Networking programmes

### Cluster Level

On a rotational basis decentralised coordination programme takes place at the cluster level. This promotes a learning & sharing experience. Periodic staff exchange programmes are also organised .

### Networking

Networking with like minded NGO's and organisations is an important activity of the SCINDeA network and it takes place both at the secretariat and partner organisational levels.



### Publication

SCINDeA periodically publishes Annual Reports & programme related documents for wider dissemination to NGOs, Govt. Departments & Resource Sharing Agencies.



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