

Centre for Culture and Development Report

The Report for the construction of the multipurpose building at kalaigramam- (six months)= CCD .India

Amount Received -1350 GDP from SD Britain

Centre for culture and Development received 1350 GDP from SD Britain for the Construction of the Building of Multi purpose hall for the supplementary coaching centre Children at kaligrammam.

The organisation - CCD

Centre for culture and development was registered in the year of 1990 as charitable agency with an objective of promoting sustainable lively hood for the poor in the rural and urban areas.



Empowering the poor people within their capacities to lead a quality life, freeing them from poverty, eradicating illiteracy and unemployment are being the strategy of the centre. The centre is committed to achieve this objective by ensuring the participation of the cultural resources and skills of people.

Women, children and socially excluded Dalits and the poor are given importance in our project concerns. CCD gives special importance to these Dalits in helping them to get their economic and social and cultural freedom. Because they are considered as untouchables and face lots of discrimination and violence in the name of caste conflicts. This specific group of people have lost not only their cultural expressions but also their own identity due socio-economic circumstances.

The centre is working to conserve and promote awareness on cultural resources of people in the process of development.

The Need for the Building -Background

CCD is running supplementary coaching centres in the villages for the poor rural children in three villages.. There are One Hundred Children who are coming to our different supplementary coaching centres and benefit the personal care and attention to improve their performances at the schools. Most Of the children are from the poor families who do not have electricity and the proper place to sit and study and do their home works after the school hours. The parents are Dalits who are known as untouchables and landless agricultural labourers. The vulnerable sections of children, especially the Dalit children who are considered as untouchables will get the benefit of this night school. At present there are 100 children who are coming to the school.

Mostly they are girl children and their economical status is below poverty line. Their parents are unskilled labours who work in the fields as labourers and daily wage makers. Most of the parents are illiterate. The children are the first generation learners in their families. Many of these children can become dropouts from the school in each year.

Once they become drop outs they are forced to assist their parents in child rearing or do household duties to help their parents. and thus become child labourers. When we want to gather them all for special programs on weekends and during holidays there is no place in the village to accommodate them .Hence we applied with SD Britain to help us to construct a multipurpose building with low cost thatched roof CCD received the financial support to begin the work.

Project implementation

The work has begun with applying the necessary permission from local authorities for the land and other formalities. Meantime we have done the fencing in front of the proposed site for the building as it was covered with bushes and thorns. A special iron wiring was done to safeguard the entrance of the building.

An engineer was invited to mark the proposed site and measure the area with technical details. As per the advice of the engineer the place needed some elevation from the ground level .Fifty tractor loads of rocks and soil was filled in the ground to increase the level of the site as to prevent water entering the building during heavy rainy season. With the erection of stone pillars a special team of builders who are specialist in making low cost thatched roof houses were brought from North Tamilnadu and they built the round shaped hall with coconut leaves. As the summer was heavy and the workers could not stand the hot sun the work was halted for fifteen days in between and it was finished during the end of May2007.

Measurements

The radius of the hall is fifteen feet from the centre marked and with the provision of three small rooms to keep furniture and other goods safely as the hall is a open auditorium shaped building.

The expenditure statement (INDIAN RUPEES)

The cost of Earth works (Fifty Loads of soil including transportation) -	19000-00
The cost of Roof Material (Bamboos, Coir, and coconut leaves) -	52000-00
The cost of stone pillars including Transportation with loading and unloading charges. -	24000-00
The workmen (labour cost) including their food and stay and Wages -	14000-00

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Total	-----

