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An organization serving our Tribal Brethren

Annual Report

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‘May all be healthy’

“Manava Seva Hi Madhava Seva”
“Serving the humanity is equivalent to serving God ”

Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission – Kerala, Muttill, Wayanad has been in the forefront of reaching remote areas of Wayanad for 49 years of long tremendous journey of Social Service with over whelming gratitude to all well-wishers who co-operated with us in our stride we submit herewith the mission of upliftment of health of our Vanavasi Tribal brethren. The mission started its journey in 1972 as a small dispensary at Muttill, (Kalpetta) Wayanad and now the Medical Mission is a well-equipped hospital with all modern medical facilities. It is registered as a charitable society working on the fivefold aspects of life namely **Swasthya** (Health), **Shikshan**,(Education), **Samsakara** (Culture), **Swavalamban** (Self-Sufficiency) and **Samajik** (Social). The mission holds vision of total upliftment of society. Our activities of over five decades are helping not only to reduce the suffering and the pain but also brought positive changes in their lives. This was made possible due to support from benevolent Organisations and Persons.

PADMA SHRI FOR DR. D. D. SAGDEO

We are extremely happy that the untiring thankless work of the SVMM has been recognized. Dr. D. D. Sagdeo, Pillar of strength of SVMM has been awarded Padma Shri by the Govt of India on 26 January 2021. Dr. D. D. Sagdeo after completing his MBBS from Nagpur, joined SVMM at its nascent phase of a small dispensary in 1980. His tireless efforts in providing all the services mentioned earlier well supported by entire organization of SVMM have been recognized by the President of India. We are indeed proud of Dr. D. D. Sagdeo and our dedicated team.



**Dr. Adheela Abdulla, IAS, Dist. Collector, Wayanad
with Padma Shri Dr. Dhananjay Diwakar Sagdeo**

OVERCOMING COVID-19 CHALLENGE

Year 2020

With the advent of covid-19 pandemic across the world, the year 2020 has been very challenging time for all of us.

The pandemic has affected common people to untold suffering. The tribal brethren of the Wayanad experienced great difficulties due to loss of livelihood, absence of wages and poor access to hospitals and other emergency services. Absence of public transport added to their woes. SVMM took up the responsibility of providing urgent help not only to the Vanavasi community but also local community. The mission also provided uninterrupted services during this time by starting 27 Centres at Panchayat level as **Covid-19 Help Desks**. Active volunteers were extending all possible support to the Tribals residing in remotest part of hilly terrain of Wayanad. The services and support was in many kind of activities like distribution of rations, provisioning of preventive medicines, distribution of essential grocery etc. The Volunteers also disinfect homes and premises of different institutions in Wayanad.

Year 2021

The second wave of COVID -19 has been witnessing a rapid surge in the number of infected patients. With the experience of previous year, SVMM has realized that Preventing the spread of COVID -19 is the most efficient way of reducing the case load in the district and retaining the health of the people. With whole hearted support from **SEWA INTERNATIONAL** following activities have been started :

- Screening the patients for symptoms of COVID-19 via mobile medical camps.
- Identification of suspect cases of COVID -19 via RT-PCR testing & Provide adequate medical support
- Training of Health care personnel regarding COVID -19 prevention and control.
- Conducting of COVID-19 Vaccination Camps at SVMM, Muttill.
- Conducting of COVID-19 outreach vaccination sessions in subcenters of SVMM and Tribal colonies.
- Conducting Health education sessions in the community via posters, brochures, videos etc.



VACCINATION CAMP



Dr. Dhananjay Diwakar Sagdeo, Chief Medical Officer and founding pillar of SVMM conferred 'Padma Shri' by the President of India on 26 January 2021.

Main Activities of the Mission

SVMM is active in entire Wayanad District that includes all the in Four development Blocks, Three Municipalities, 21 Panchayath Samithis and over 150 Villages. During the current Pandemic SVMM has reached entire tribal population through its 27 Covid Help Desk Centres.

SWASTHYA (HEALTH)

- Well-equipped **35** Beds hospital with Out Patient Dept, Pathology Lab, Trained Staff Specialty Clinics for Cardiology, Urology, Surgery, Pediatrics eye, Dental and Homoeopathy.
- **Six** Sub centers in remote areas
- **Two** Mobile Medical Units (Providing Health Care at hamlets of Vanavasis)
- Sickle Cell Anemia Diagnostic Counseling and Treatment Centre
- Tuberculosis Microscopy and Treatment Center
- Yoga Centre – under Department of Ayush, Govt. of India.
- 100 Swasthya Mitras (Friends for Health) who provide first aid and inculcate hygiene

SHIKSHAN (EDUCATION)

- **One** Yoga Vidyalayam
- **One** Upper Primary School
- **125** One Teacher Schools
- **One** Paramedical Education School (Nursing & Lab Asst)

SAMSKARA (CULTURE)

- **100** Bala Samskara Kendras,

SWAVALAMBAN (SELF RELIANCE)

- **Three** Vocational Training Centres

SAMAJIK (SOCIAL)

- Family Counselling & Legal Aid Centre
- **27** Covid-19 Help Desk Centers

Project Works by SVMM

1. Rehabilitation of Sickle cell disease patients via the Bamboo Craft Unit
2. De-addiction Project
3. As the Mother NGO, for the implementation of Reproductive and Child Health program.
4. Formation of self-help groups among women from the SC/ ST communities in collaboration with the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology.
5. Village libraries cum reading rooms in sub-centers.
6. "Sanjeevani" health awareness campaign in the Tribal colonies.

7. Project “Akshaya” aimed at detecting TB cases in the tribal colonies and thereby uproot TB from this vulnerable community.

Management

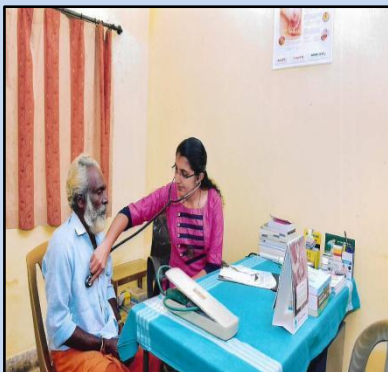
The mission is registered as Charitable Society since 1981. The General Body consisting of Member The Managing Committee comprises of eminent personalities of Wayanad who are familiar with the region. Managing Committee meets every month to review the ongoing activities. The members of the committee are :

Dr. P. Narayanan Nair	:	President,
Dr. Rajmohan	:	Vice President
Adv. K. A. Asokan	:	Secretary
V. K. Janardhan	:	Joint Secretary
Adv. P. Suresh	:	Treasurer.

Society has 45 members in its General Body, which meets twice a year apart from emergency situations.

SVMM Hospital

Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Hospital is located in Muttill around 10 Km from district headquarter of Wayanad named Kalpetta. This hospital provides complete free treatment to Vanavasis (Tribal Patients). The hospital has 35 beds Hospital with fulltime resident doctors. Apart from that specialist clinics are operated regularly as per the schedule of these specialist doctors. Out Patient Dept treats 200-250 patients per day.



GENERAL OPD



DENTAL OPD



CARDIOLOGY



UROLOGY



Out Patient Section



Hospital Statistics

Total Beneficiaries

OP	26766 patients
IP	2108 patients
Camps 146	4279 patients
First Aid	6896 patients
Total	40049 patients

Sree Sankara Vidya Nikethan Upper Primary School Cherukara.

For imparting value based quality education to children of Vanavasi Community, Sree Sankara Vidya Nikethan UP School at in Cherukara, in Mananthavady Taluk has been started. Complete education of these children is free along with uniforms, books, stationary, transportation and also nutritious mid-day meals. Presently it is upto Std VII and will be upgraded soon as per the availability of resources. The school affiliated to Vidya Bharathi which is an accredited agency of National Institute of open schooling MHRD, Govt of India.



Outreach Programme

Vanavasis are residing in remote corners of hilly and forest district of Wayanad. It is not possible for them to reach Hospital easily. Understanding this SVM has established Six Sub Centres spread over entire district especially closer to concentrated hamlets of Vanavasis. These sub-centres help locals in their medical needs. Free Medical camps are conducted weekly. Apart from that the premises are used for different Social, Cultural & Educational activities. These are :

1. Erumantoor in Thavinhal Panchayath
2. Niravilpuzha, in Thondarnadu Panchayath
3. Cherukara in Vellamunda Panchayath
4. Muthanga
5. Kannankodu in Noolpuzha Panchayath
6. Chulliyode in Nenmeni Panchayath



Mobile Medical Units

SVMM works on basic concept of providing health care at the doorsteps of Vanavasis as it is quite difficult for Sick to travel long distances with challenges of road connectivity and transportation. Especially for old people, Ladies and Children it is a nightmare to travel. There hamlets are located in peripheral area of dense forests or deep into hilly terrain. The Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) equipped with Medicines, Paramedical Staff and Doctor travels to such far-flung areas through make shift roads. Vanavasis eagerly wait to get examined, report medical problems, get medicines and treatment. Some of them who require detailed investigation are advised to visit hospital.



Grameena Vidya Kendram – Single Teacher Schools

It is very difficult to create school infrastructure in such remote areas. SVMM has come up with novel idea of single teachers schools, where one teacher takes the education to doorstep of these Vanavasis. It is a very novel idea and outcome is seen in increased levels of education and eager to go for higher education among children of Vanavasis. There are 110 such One Teacher Schools (Ekal Vidyalayas) being run by the mission throughout the entire District covering 21 Panchayaths. Special attention is given to drop outs for encouraging them to study. It has resulted in reduced number of drop outs. This project needs more resources to enhance the educational levels and literacy among Vanavasis. This is a part of Tribal Integrated Development.

These Teachers also imbibe our rich cultural heritage to young children through Bala Samskara Kendras. These are very popular.

Swasthya Mithra Project (Friends for Health)

For an inclusive approach, youths among these Vanavasis are given basic training in first aid treatment, hygiene and Sanitation. These volunteers visit their assigned areas, conducts surveys about hygiene and sanitation and identifies areas needing attention. They guide people for better hygiene, increase awareness about healthy habits, provide first aid. These volunteers also actively participate on Medical Camps, Vaccination Drives, De-addiction drives and other similar initiatives.

Paramedical Education

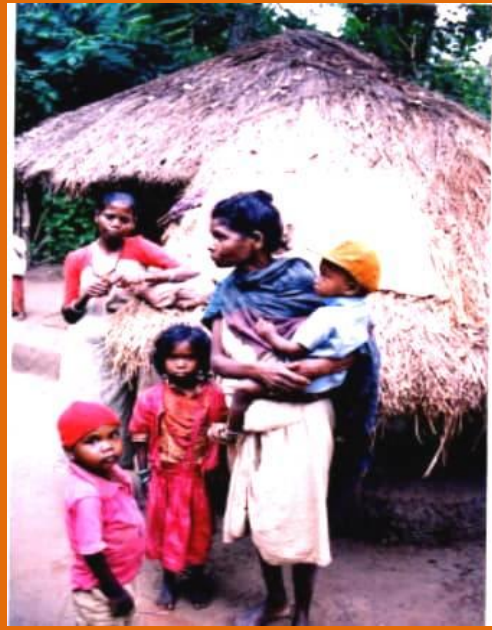
For an inclusive health drive, youth are given training for in Lab Assistant and Nursing. This vocational training has increased their employability and are working in healthcare sector. They not only support financially but are also instrumental in increasing importance of health in their community.

Legal aid and Counseling Centre

Addiction of tobacco and alcohol is common root cause in family problems. Apart from de-addiction camps and drives, SVMM also addresses the family problems through counselling and legal aid wherever necessity.



HEALTH AWARENESS CLASS



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY



Resources:

- **It is the major challenge in our Service to humanity especially for underprivileged tribal brethren.**
- **We express our gratitude for those who patrons our service in different ways, they are**
- **Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India**
- **Tribal Integrated Development & Education Trust, Mumbai.**
- **Shri Ashok Bhansali.**
 - **Mr. Vivek Diwakar Sagdeo**
 - **Dr. Mrs. Anjali Vivek Sagdeo (USA)**
 - **Mrs. And Mr. A. P. Muley**
 - **M/S Alkem Laboratories**
 - **M/S Keshav Shrishti, Uttan, Mumbai**
 - **M/S Brady Company India Pvt Ltd, Bangalore**
 - **M/S Ascendum Solutions India Pvt Ltd, Bangalore**
 - **Mr. Vikas (CA) Delhi**

 - **Ms.Viji (USA)**

 - **Indian Red Cross Society**

 - **Mr. Ramesh Santhanam(Paadhai), Bangalore**
- **We express our sincere thanks to Print and Electronic Media of Nagpur and Kerala giving wide publicity to confer of Padmashri on Dr. D. D. Sagdeo for his distinguished services.**

Conclusion

Our persistent intervention over the years in the health of the tribals has started bearing fruit. SVMM is tirelessly working in identification, categorization, treatment, rehabilitation of tribals affected by genetically transmitted Sickle Cell Anemia. It is worth mentioning that the literacy rate has been going up because of our efforts in field of Education. We are uplifting life of tribals by imparting vocational training and thus increasing their employability. Our constant

endeavor is to preserve the rich traditional Indian culture. Our efforts are bearing fruits in getting our tribal brethren in main stream.

Appeal

We believe that every human being is compassionate and wants to uplift the underprivileged in the society especially these tribals living in difficult hilly terrain cut off from main stream. SVMM provides ideal opportunity. You can serve with us giving time and resources. This will give immense satisfaction and pride. We appeal you to contribute generously in Our ongoing as well as future projects in **Swasthya** (Health), **Shikshan** (Education), **Samskar** (Preserving Culture), **Samajik** (Social) and **Swavalmban** (Self Reliance) our Vanavasi brotherhood.

“Sarve Santhu Niramaya”

“May all be healthy”



“I have gone all over India and seen with my own eyes, the ignorance misery and squalor of our people. My whole soul is affirmed and I am burning with the desire to change our conditions. To reach Narayana, we must serve DaridraNarayana, the starving millions of India”

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