

CASP-RAJAGIRI SPONSORSHIP PROJECT: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TOWARDS SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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INTRODUCTION : CASP

Community Aid and Sponsorship Programme (CASP)¹ is an Indian, non-profit, non-governmental organisation (NGO) that was established in 1975. The organisation seeks to provide development opportunities to underprivileged children across India to enable them to take their rightful place in the society. CASP is committed to the comprehensive development of children and has adopted a holistic, participatory approach towards children's well-being. The organisation believes that a child cannot develop in isolation. He/she needs an environment that enables and encourages his/her development. Thus, CASP has adopted the means of sponsorship to help children and guide them, their families and communities towards children's development, empowerment and self-reliance.

Vision and Mission

CASP envisages a world in which all children are ensured of the rights to develop their full potential in a society which provides an environment conducive to improving the quality of life. In pursuit of it, CASP strives to diversify and strengthen its organisational competency and develop strategies and programmes in order to enhance the capacities of children, families and communities through participation and advocacy leading towards sustainable development and empowerment.

As a premier national organisation committed to the development of the child, family and community, CASP also believes in networking, strengthening alliances and building partnerships with

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national and international organisations with mutually compatible objectives so as to accomplish its mission.

Activities of CASP

During the three decades of its work with children, CASP has always stressed the importance of a child's immediate environment in his/her life. It has endeavoured to build in its communities an environment that encourages children to explore and grow. To bring about such an environment, CASP has focused extensively on empowering women and communities to have access to basic rights. Thus, CASP's activities for children and their communities include early childhood care and development, reproductive and child health, income generation programmes, child rights and advocacy, community development programmes focusing on habitat and sanitation, creative skills and vocational programmes for children especially girls, HIV/AIDS awareness programme etc.

The activities of CASP have the following objectives:

- Ensuring the health and wellbeing of children, their families and their communities.
- Empowering women financially and socially, and enhancing their decision-making capabilities.
- Providing equal educational and vocational opportunities to children, especially girls.
- Improving the living conditions in communities by helping them procure access to governmental and non-governmental resources and develop internal resources.
- Helping children and communities spread awareness about their activities within and outside communities and garner support for further development.
- Guiding children in expressing their empathy with the outside world and taking concrete steps towards contributing to the society.
- Enabling the most marginalised children of the communities to find their place in the society.

Sponsorship: Beginning of the Child Centred Initiatives

CASP began its activities with sponsoring four healthy children of leprosy patients and soon moved on to assisting children with physical disabilities. Gradually with the realisation that poverty itself was the greatest handicap, sponsorship was extended to all children of underprivileged backgrounds. CASP sponsorship programme caters to children of the age group of 5-18 years. The children selected are provided assistance for education, health and vocational rehabilitation aiming at their total development. CASP pursues it through the two pronged strategy of (a) sponsoring children for strengthening their environment and (b) undertaking community development programmes for the urban and rural poor.

Sponsorship is a key CASP principle that has enabled CASP to successfully define a new path in childcare. Through sponsorship CASP has joined thousands of the disadvantaged with the advantaged and enriched their lives through this association with each other. The guiding principles of sponsorship adopted by CASP are:

- Involve the community in sharing the responsibility for the care, protection and development of children in their own natural families.
- Retain a one-to-one relationship between the child and the sponsor till the child can stand on his/her own feet and lead a life of good quality.
- Ensure the child's right to adequate shelter and good home.
- Ensure the child's right to a family.
- Enable the child to receive good quality education.
- Provide the disadvantaged child development opportunities at par with other children.
- Provide economic security for meeting the child's basic needs of health, education, habitat, etc.

All CASP's programmes are built around the principle of participation/partnership and sustainability. Community participation/partnership is encouraged and accepted at all stages of the programmes including planning, development, implementation, and evaluation. The community is helped and encouraged to network

with other agencies and government bodies, and form linkages that enable it to successfully carry out programmes after CASP's withdrawal.

CASP-RAJAGIRI SPONSORSHIP PROJECT

CASP programme was started at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery in the year 1982. The joint efforts of CASP and the Rajagiri College have been considered to be very helpful in enhancing the quality and volume of the services provided under the scheme by taking advantages of the valuable skills and resources available at the disposal of both the organisations. These efforts have been driven by the motto of 'child as the focus, family as the unit and community as the milieu of development.' Presently the project has a wide variety of programmes and projects based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The cooperation between CASP and the Rajagiri College of Social Sciences during the last 25 years has produced a number of unique and sustainable models in dealing with various issues related to the rights of children and the society at large. As the children's developmental needs can be adequately met only in a community that is empowered to take care of them, CASP-Rajagiri has been actively involved in several development projects and social service activities within the community, in addition to its programmes for children. They include intervention for community development in several areas like water and sanitation, women's empowerment, community health etc.

PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN

Protecting child rights and providing education and development opportunities through the initiative of sponsorship helped many children restore their childhood and rights to survival, protection, development and participation. Sponsorship remains the main activity of CASP-Rajagiri for children. In addition, several other programmes are undertaken by CASP-Rajagiri for children. They include community teaching, children's library and sports club, *souhрудam* camps, career guidance camps, medical assistance scheme, *balapanchayat* and *keraleeyam*.

Educational Sponsorship

Child sponsorship programme is the major tool of CASP-Rajagiri to reach out to the needy children. Two methods (direct and indirect) are adopted to reach out to the children, irrespective of caste, creed or religion, in order to help them realise their full potential and achieve a breakthrough in their life, despite the limitation and difficulties of the family and the surrounding environment. Both the direct method of receiving the needy child who approaches the office of CASP-Rajagiri for sponsorship assistance and the indirect method of selecting the deserving cases through community participation are accepted in Kerala situation. The sponsorship programme has made the CASP-Rajagiri project a known NGO initiative in the state of Kerala. The project's objective of sustainable improvement in the quality of life of children in need is achieved through the activities of:

- Enabling the children and their families to meet their basic needs, especially education and health.
- Creating a warm emotional bond between the sponsored child and the sponsor.
- Providing counselling to children and their parents in developmental matters like health and education.
- Planning the development process of the child in the family, and monitoring and evaluating the process from time to time.

In short, sponsorship is a supportive programme offering a package of services to keep children in their own families and environment. It is a process to help the needy children in their families with a sense of social responsibility and of active participation in planning and monitoring the children.

The children who receive sponsorship assistance include the economically backward, mentally challenged and physically handicapped, and children of HIV/AIDS/leprosy-affected persons, sex workers and persons sentenced to life imprisonment. Under the child sponsorship programme in Kerala right now 4200 children are supported through individual, group, corporate and institutional (including educational institutions of repute) sponsors.

Higher Education Scholarship

CASP-Rajagiri has been granting scholarships for the students who are academically outstanding but financially backward to carry on their academic pursuit. During the last few years this scheme of CASP-Rajagiri has benefited students who joined the courses like MBBS, MTech, BTech, MSc. Nursing, MSW etc. Currently CASP-Rajagiri is supporting 116 students through this scholarship programme.

Community Teaching

Under the programme of community teaching remedial coaching classes are conducted for the students who are weak in studies in their respective subjects. The programme is organised with the help of community volunteers in all the places where there are at least ten needy students. The volunteers are given training from time to time with the objective of updating their skills in facilitating the studies of the children.

Classmate Education Programme

Another educational project of CASP-Rajagiri is the classmate education programme, sponsored by India Tobacco Company Limited (ITC). The project aims at the improvement of the basic school infrastructure facilities in the rural areas of Malappuram district. The first phase of the three year project was started in 2005-06 and implemented in the Nilambur block of Malappuram district. During the year 2006-07 three more blocks, namely Areakode, Wandoor and Perinthalmanna are covered under the project. Strengthening the linkage between the parent-teacher association (PTA) and schools in order to improve the quality of education is also envisaged in this project.

Children's Library and Sports Club

For the promotion of co-curricular interests among children, children's library and children's sports club are organised at all the centres of CASP-Rajagiri in Kerala. Children themselves operate the library and club by taking leadership in consultation with the social worker and community volunteers. This really helps the children improve their extracurricular talents in arts, sports, and literary and cultural activities. There are several examples where sponsored children have proved their excellence in becoming champions and winning prizes.

Souhrudam Camp

Souhrudam camp is considered to be an advanced teaching programme for imparting knowledge to students through a carefully framed methodology. Its main objective is to mould up a creative, knowledgeable, duty-conscious and healthy generation of students/youth by utilising their talents/abilities to an optimum level. Practically *Souhrudam* camp is a three-day vacation gathering of students, regardless of caste, creed or community, in the school-going age group of 5-15 years of different classes and areas. Here they get an opportunity for coming together, sharing and interacting.

The most important and attractive feature of the programme is the course contents for the teaching activity. It is prepared professionally by a panel of experts with the help of an advisory committee of eminent persons from different walks of life. Every year the entire course is framed based on a theme or topics relevant to children which itself explains how professional the approach is. The sessions include music, group games, craft work, story telling, painting, drawing, project work, study tour (within the local area), competitions in arts and sports, mass reading, interaction, and “meet-the-talent” (wherein experiences are shared by successful personalities). The main topics for the year 2007 are consumerism, environment and media.

The syllabus also provides the scope for integrating matters in addition to the planned core courses/lessons, based on teachers’ suggestions and views according to the needs of the children in different regions where the programme is organised. This updating process is facilitated through the evaluation meeting of teachers held everyday after the sessions so that changes could be incorporated in the next day’s lesson plan. Ultimately a perfect course syllabus results with the blend of the contents from the core course syllabus and the alterations/additions made in the course as per pupils’ requirement and based on the practical knowledge of the teachers.

The ultimate goal of *souhrudam* camp is to help and train children to become responsible citizens, to acquire self-confidence, and to make them aware of the value of loving, respecting and doing good to others.

Career Guidance Camps

CASP-Rajagiri believes in equipping the sponsored students to take up professional and vocational courses after completing their school final by way of giving career guidance. Every year CASP-Rajagiri organises career guidance camps. For the last few years the camps are organised as the Rotary Youth Leadership Award under the joint auspicious of CASP and Rotary Club of Kochi West. In all, 99 students from different parts of Kerala who are appearing for the SSLC board examinations in March 2007 participated the camp organised in the month of December 2006. The venue was at Rotary *Karmakendra*, Kalamassery. The objectives of the camp were to prepare the students for the forthcoming board examinations, to develop self-confidence and leadership skills, to identify and improve their social skills, to impart knowledge on adolescent health education, and to enable them to choose the appropriate career in the future.

Medical Insurance

There is growing awareness among the public regarding health and the health facilities. But often the increasing costs involved in availing medical facilities have made them inaccessible to several sections of the population. This has led families to fall into debt trap following hospitalisation and availing of medical services. It is in this context that medical insurance is provided as an important help.

Insurance companies in both the government and private sector are offering medical insurance. Making use of these provisions, CASP-Rajagiri has developed a medical assistance scheme for children. As a novel policy of sponsorship, all our sponsored children are covered under the Medical assistance scheme. The premium of Rs.35 each is paid by the child and CASP-Rajagiri. Children covered under the scheme can claim up to Rs.3000 in a year in case of hospitalisation.

Balapanchayat

Balapanchayat is an activity-oriented programme of CASP-Rajagiri implemented through the initiative and participation of children in order to create awareness among children and the public about children's rights. Under this programme children from all socio-economic backgrounds come together in order to become aware about

their rights and responsibilities. It is different from the conventional system of adults deciding child's needs and rights. *Balapanchayat* provides the opportunity for children to learn from mutual interaction.

The objective of this programme is to enable the children to learn more about their rights, for example, to education and freedom to play, to explore their potential by providing them new and varied opportunities to express themselves, such as poetry workshops and drama, and to make positive contribution to the future of their communities. It also helps in developing a sense of patriotism and giving practical experience in democratic process.

Keraleeyam

Keraleeyam, based at Trivandrum has the objective of helping the innocent HIV/AIDS infected children in Kerala who are suffering from the deadly disease due to no fault of theirs. The AIDS patients die leaving their infected innocent children behind in this prejudiced world, which is not ready to accept them. Though education is one of the rights of children, unfortunately it is often denied to a child affected/infected by HIV/AIDS. The child has to face a lot of barriers to attending school. These include discrimination by teachers and school authorities who separate them from other students or deny them admission entirely. Most school going, HIV positive children manage to attend school by hiding their HIV status. In addition to the problem of discrimination from schools, many of these children may have to fetch their livelihood and even take care of younger siblings.

The project supports the HIV/AIDS affected/infected children to pursue their education, and to meet their financial and health needs. CASP-Rajagiri is identified as the partner NGO to take care of the development and monitoring of the programme of sponsorship of HIV/AIDS infected children. CASP Rajagiri provides this service in the light of its long experience in child sponsorship project and in HIV/AIDS issue in the state of Kerala.

INTERVENTION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CASP-Rajagiri believes in empowering the community to meet the needs of its children effectively. It is involved in several activities that are aimed at community development. The areas of community development in which CASP-Rajagiri is active are water and sanitation, non-conventional energy, women's empowerment, community health, care of the elderly, and disaster management.

Water and Sanitation Schemes

The major water and sanitation schemes, in which CASP-Rajagiri has been involved, are the *Jalanidhi* project, drinking water programme of Korampadam and the sanitation project of Kothad.

Jalanidhi is a World Bank aided project of the government of Kerala for rural water supply and allied services. The major activities of the *Jalanidhi* project are the water supply scheme (rain water harvesting and rain water recharging) and sanitation programmes (household sanitation units, environment sanitation —soak pit, compost pit, and vermi compost — and school sanitation). In addition, the project has programmes for capacity building, women empowerment, skill development and vocational training. The Kerala Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (KRWSA) is the nodal agency of the government for implementing this project. The KRWSA implements the project through competent NGOs that function as support organisations.

CASP-Rajagiri has been the support organisation for implementing the *Jalanidhi* project in the *grama panchayats* of Perumatty (Palakkad district) and Varavoor (Thrissur district). The overall project development objective of CASP-Rajagiri as a support organisation has been to assist the government of Kerala in improving the quality of rural water supply and environmental sanitation service delivery to achieve sustainability of investments. The tasks involved in implementing the project are forming beneficiary groups, conducting socio-economic survey of the project area, making plans, designs and estimates, preparing project reports, mobilising community contributions, and providing necessary community development support to the beneficiary groups.

CASP-Rajagiri started the *Jalanidhi* project in Perumatty *grama panchayat* in the month of June 2004. We could organise 24 beneficiary groups with 950 households in the *panchayat*. Apart from the drinking water schemes, we could provide sanitary latrines to 1840 households in the *panchayat*. Skill development training, entrepreneurship development and women empowerment are the other activities of the project undertaken in the Perumatty *grama panchayat*. A team of 25 professionals from various disciplines, like social work, engineering and accounts, has been involved in the project from its beginning.

In Varavoor *grama panchayat* we started our activities in March 2005. We formed 39 beneficiary groups with a membership of 1417 households in the *panchayat*. About 90 per cent of the construction work is over and by the end of March 2007 all the beneficiary groups will be able to commission their projects. In Varavoor a 14 member team of CASP-Rajagiri has been actively involved in the project implementation.

The project at Korampadam, an island surrounded by saline backwaters in Ernakulam district, consisted in providing potable water and good sanitation facilities. A cost effective technology for storing and distributing drinking water has been implemented in Korampadam. Rainwater is stored in small pits around big ponds during the monsoons. The scheme consists of a three-stage filtration system and disinfecting with chlorination. Micron filter removes the very fine suspended solids and purifies the water. Bacteria present in the water are removed by chlorination and the water thus purified is stored in overhead tanks for distribution to the public. This model of water storing and purification is replicable, and many organisations and individuals have been consulting us in taking up similar projects in their areas of operation.

The Kothad project of CASP-Rajagiri has been a milestone in our sanitation schemes. As part of this project, 371 latrines have been constructed in Kothad, Ernakulam district. With this, Kothad has got the distinction of becoming the first village in India to achieve cent per cent sanitation. Similar sanitation scheme has been implemented also in Alacode village and Kadamakkudy island in Ernakulam district. In the ongoing project, called the Rotary-Kadamakudy village

development project, sanitary latrines are being constructed for the deserving families of the Kadamakudy *panchayat*. Construction of 89 latrines is already completed. A mobile health clinic to reach out to the health needs of the island communities is also functioning there in association with Lourdes Hospital, Ernakulam.

Solar Power Project

Another programme of community development undertaken by CASP-Rajagiri is the solar power project. Mundanmudi, a remote hilly village in Idukki district, that was not electrified, was selected for the project. Through community partnership CASP-Rajagiri embarked on this novel, eco-friendly and sustainable project for power generation and supply by tapping the solar energy. The project was undertaken with people's participation in every aspect. Each household contributed Rs.2700 for installing the home-lighting system under the project, of which the actual full cost at the time of installation was about Rs.10500. The project provided electricity from solar energy to 393 families and made Mundanmudi, the first and largest *soorya gramam* in Asia. This project of non-conventional energy was financially supported by the Japanese Government's Grant Assistance for Grass Roots Projects (GGP). It was started in 1996 and completed in 1999.

Consequent to the success of the Mundanmudi experiment in non-conventional energy, the Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources, Government of India recognised the initiative of CASP-Rajagiri in the field and commissioned to it the operation of the *Aditya*-the Solar Shop in Kochi. The shop, financed by the Ministry with grant-in-aid subsidy for solar lighting systems and also with complete technical assistance, promotes the use of energy saving solar devices. The shop deals in solar photo-voltaic items, like solar lanterns, domestic lighting kits, street lights, power plants, water purifiers, pesticide sprayers, vaccine refrigerators etc. and solar thermal items, like domestic and industrial water heaters, driers, air heaters, pasteurises etc.

Women Empowerment

Women in India have traditionally been denied equal rights and opportunities for realising their true potential. For a child to

develop his/her full potential it is imperative that the mother, who is the primary care giver, has access to development opportunities. True community development takes place only when the women folk of the community are empowered. CASP-Rajagiri recognises the importance of addressing the problems related to women and the need to stop the unfair treatment of women as second class citizens.

CASP-Rajagiri has undertaken several programmes for women empowerment that focus on women's physical and mental well-being and economic independence. The main activity has been forming and sustaining self-help groups of women, and networking and forming linkages that enable them to become contributing, self reliant and decisive members of the society. CASP- Rajagiri also works in association with the *Kudumbashree* project of the Government of Kerala to strengthen the cause of women empowerment. Gender sensitisation programmes are rigorously conducted in all the communities where we have interventions to propagate the concept of equality among men and women.

Community Health

India has made enormous strides in the area of health since independence. Life expectancy has increased, infant mortality and maternal mortality have declined, infrastructure facilities for health have improved and expanded significantly, and there is greater use of preventive measures such as immunisation. Yet, Indian health statistics reveal that the country continues to lag behind the developed countries in the area of health and health services. A large percentage of children remain malnourished and maternal mortality continues to cause concern, even as children die of preventable diseases. In recognition of this situation CASP-Rajagiri has accepted community health as an important area of its programme of community development.

While providing the community with basic amenities for life, we propagate community health too. Classes and awareness sessions regarding health and hygiene are conducted periodically for different groups like children and mothers. Knowledge about health and diseases is disseminated through *Ayalkoottams* or self-help groups in order to motivate them to the practice of hygienic health habits.

The Rotary Club of Kalamassery, the community medicine department of the Kochi Cooperative Medical College (CMC) and CASP-Rajagiri have been jointly implementing various community health projects for the underprivileged and deserving families in the Kalamassery municipality. CASP-Rajagiri has undertaken the complete management of this programme of the Multiple Health Care Clinic, which provides ayurvedic, allopathic and homoeopathic treatment to the patients. CASP-Rajagiri mobilises funds and medicines from various agencies and institutions through its effective networking. With the assistance from CASP-Rajagiri and Rotary Club of Kalamassery, the community medicine department of the CMC conducts various training programmes, medical camps, informal and formal talks, and door-to-door surveys in order to create awareness about health problems, its prevention and control measures.

The centre provides clinic services thrice in a week for the people of the community with the tutors, para-medical staff and student interns. The services include free medical check-ups, laboratory tests with very nominal charges and follow-ups. Almost all the medicines for common diseases are given free of cost. The patients pay just Rs.10 as registration fee. The Rotary Club of Kalamassery supports the functioning of the centre mainly through mobilisation of funds and medicines.

Organising medical camp is another health programme of CASP-Rajagiri. Not only allopathic camps but also ayurvedic and homoeopathic camps are conducted with community participation. Around 500 people each take part in the camps every year. Medicines are distributed after the check-up. These camps are of great help to the people, especially those in remote pockets and those who cannot afford to travel long for reaching hospitals. In the programme CASP-Rajagiri makes doctors and medicines available to the people within their reach.

Care of the Elderly

The world is progressively becoming home to an increasingly ageing population. Like elsewhere, life expectancy of the average Indian too has improved considerably. It is estimated that about one

third of the Indian population is over 60 years old. It has therefore become necessary to ensure that development initiatives address not only the young but also the elderly. Unfortunately, with increasing urbanisation and globalisation, a large number of the elderly are being left to their own resources. This has brought forth various issues that need to be addressed such as health care, companionship, access to various facilities etc.

CASP-Rajagiri has been sensitised to the issue of the elderly and has taken the initiative to launch a programme for the senior citizens. It is non-institutional and has the objective of helping the elderly, who experience isolation and rejection and suffer from insecurity, anxiety and depression, have a satisfying life with dignity in our society. As an innovative experiment in the care of the elderly, a day care centre for the senior citizens was started at Kothad, an island under Kadamakudy *panchayat*, adjacent to Ernakulam (Kochi) city. CASP-Rajagiri started its intervention in community development in the island in the year 1991. The new experiment of the day care centre commenced functioning on the 15th of March 1997.

The centre provides its services on two full days in a week, viz. Tuesday and Friday. A day at the centre begins with the inter-religious prayer session followed by yoga (exercises). Then the members sit together to analyse local news read out by a volunteer. They prepare their own lunch together. In between they interact among themselves and are involved in games, discussion sessions on subjects of interest, cultural presentations by members, indoor games, celebration of birthdays of the members and important days, and watching TV/VCD programmes of entertainment. Thus the centre not only functions as the venue for recreational activities, cultural exchange, medical attention etc. but also provides the occasion for free expression of the problems and frustrations of the elders in the community.

A clinic is functioning at the centre to attend to the medical needs of the members. The services of the clinic, however, are availed of by all the islanders who find it difficult to reach the hospitals in the city across the lakes. Almost all the health complaints are attended to at the centre, and serious cases or those in need of further treatment are referred to hospitals.

Disaster Management

India is one of the worst suffers of natural calamities in the South Asia region. Tormented by earthquakes, floods, cyclones and the more recent Tsunami, the country routinely finds itself at the mercy of nature. These disasters severely affect the life and livelihood of people. Coping with disaster is at once a physically exacting, mentally excruciating and economically crippling challenge. To ease the trauma and hardship of those affected by disasters, CASP-Rajagiri undertakes activities of disaster management that aim at restoring normalcy at the earliest in the lives of those affected.

In the Tsunami ravaged areas of Kerala, CASP-Rajagiri, in association with Terre Des Hommes, Denmark, sponsored about four hundred children. Education of these children has been facilitated by providing them with educational aid and other support. Health check-ups were conducted and families were provided guidance and assistance towards returning to normal life. The Legal Aid Cell of the Rajagiri College continued to provide legal advice to community members and conducted numerous legal awareness meets.

Training Division

CASP-Rajagiri is also involved in programmes of capacity building for working with children and intervention in community development. This is done through the training programmes conducted for improving the knowledge, skills and attitudes of individuals engaged in social development process. The training division of CASP-Rajagiri also provides a platform for sharing the best practices in social development existing in different parts of our country and world, and motivating the participants to adapt them to their local situations. By developing training manuals and guidelines to suit the needs of different target groups, the training division also provides consultancy services to other organisations in matters related to organising training programmes, workshops and seminars.

The expertise of CASP-Rajagiri in training is mainly in the areas of parenting skills, personality development, leadership, counselling, career guidance, women empowerment, child rights, water resource management, participatory rural appraisal, communication skills, community organisation, and social advocacy.

Collaboration with Legal Aid Cell

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences in its programme of social work education and practice has been providing help to the vulnerable and underprivileged in matters relating to justice and its administration. Rajagiri College was recognised as an accredited NGO by the Kerala State Legal Service Authority in the year 2000 and thus Rajagiri Legal Aid Cell (RLAC) was constituted as a new “livelab” of Rajagiri College. Today CASP-Rajagiri is providing all support and assistance for the effective functioning of the RLAC.

The legal services provided to the needy are in the form of legal consultation to clients who are economically poor, awareness classes to different sections of people in the community, participation in *Lok Adalats*, setting up of litigation free zones, and free legal aid to the clients referred by Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre.

CONCLUSION

In the current social scenario, an NGO cannot limit its activities to a single domain of service. And CASP-Rajagiri in tune with the pulse of society and the large section of the marginalised people, expanded its partnership and services in a variety of areas such as education, health, women empowerment, foster care etc. CASP-Rajagiri has also tried to provide opportunities for social workers to intervene in several spheres of child and community development. We aspire to initiate innovative models of intervention that can be replicated in the pursuit of social development by different agencies at different levels. With a positive attitude and practical approach we hope for a global human community in which all people have equal opportunity for the fullest possible development of their human capacity and for full participation in the decision-making process that affects them, their families and their communities.

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