

**RURAL UPLIFT CENTRE,
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KANYAKUMARI DIST.
TAMIL NADU.**

It gives me great pleasure and joy to present this brief report of activities of Rural Uplift Centre and the results achieved during the year 2018-2019.

Programmes implemented during 2018 - 2019 are:

- Gaja cyclone response in Nagappattinam District.
- Prime Minister's Micro-Insurance Scheme for the poor.
- Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme.
- Ensuring resilience of small & marginal farmers to neutralize the damage caused by Climate Change.
- Enabling women to get relief from poverty, security from violence and to get legal aid.
- Service provided under Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act.
- Means of communication project:
- Net working & co-ordination

1. GAJA CYCLONE RESPONSE IN NAGAPPATTINAM DISTRICT:-

Gaja Cyclone: Heavy winds of about 140-160 kmph speed were experienced on 16th of November 2018. The highest wind speed was recorded in Adhirampattinam at 162 kmph and secondly Muthupet recorded 160 kmph. Regions of Karaikal and Nagappattinam also experienced 100 kmph winds. The affected districts are Nagappattinam, Thanjavur, Thiruvavarur, Pudukottai, Karaikal, Trichy and Ramanathapuram.

Early warning: Government gave the early warning message through TV , Radio and Newspapers. This message was also disseminated to the communities through NGOs, who are the members of NGO network Social Action Movement and Inter-Agency Group. (IAG is a Network of Humanitarian agencies affiliated to Sphere India). The NGOs of Nagappattinam, Thanjavur, Thiruvavarur, Pudukottai, Karaikal, Cuddalore and Ramanathapuram Districts are also members of this network. The affected people were moved to the temporary camps setup by the Government. Those who remained at homes died or were injured.

Rapid assessment of damage & immediate needs : RUC along with Inter Agency Group, Tamil Nadu, took up rapid assessment of damage caused by Gaja Cyclone in Nagappattinam, Thanjavur, Thiruvavarur, Pudukottai, Karaikal, Cuddalore, Trichy and Ramanathapuram. CASA, CARITAS, UNICEF, World Vision, Action Aid and local NGOs/organizations participated in the process. The damage assessment and need analysis report was prepared and distributed to all the stakeholders involved in the process.

Supply of food and other facilities at the temporary shelters:

There were widespread protests, especially road blockade, demonstrations by the victims demanding food, electricity, drinking water, health facilities in the temporary camps and to remove the uprooted trees from the roads and streets. The temporary camps were organized in Government schools. Food material, drinking water, bleaching powder pockets and milk powder for children and generators did not reach the camps on time, due to lack of approach roads to these temporary camps. RUC along with the Members of Social Action Movements informed the Government officials of the status of requirements and facilitated the supply of food materials, drinking water, bleaching powder pockets and milk powder for children and generator.

Process of beneficiary identification, procurement of relief materials and distribution:

RUC team visited some of the affected villages and did the rapid assessment of damage and found that dalits were the severely affected. Hence, it decided to select the beneficiaries from dalit villages of Nagappattinam District. The beneficiary representatives decided to provide household utensils such as cooking pots with top covers two sets each, four steel plates, four steel cups, one water carrier-Aluminum pot, one sempu, two steel spoons one sari, one lungi, one bed sheet and two mats each to 956 most affected dalit families, during the beneficiary representatives consultation meeting. Relief materials were distributed to the beneficiaries at their villages in presence of RUC secretary and Community leaders. Individual acknowledgments are received along with the signature of witness / Community leader to ensure accountability and to avoid duplication of service. The following is the details of the distribution.

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of the Block</i>	<i>Name of the Panchayat</i>	<i>Name of the Villages</i>	<i>Total Number of Beneficiaries</i>
1	Vetharanyam	Maruthoor (North)	Annappankadu, Rajapuram, Kuttiyapillai & Kattalai	59
2	Vetharanyam	Maruthoor (South)	Keezhakadu	26
3	Vetharanyam	Thethakudi (South)	Thethakudi (South)	55
4	Thalainayiru	Kallimedu	Pazhankallimedu	61
5	Thalainayiru	Avurikadu	Avurikadu West (Colony Street)	37
6	Thalainayiru	Avurikadu	Vainavanpettai	19
7	Thalainayiru	Kovilpathu	Kovilpathu (South)	77
8	Thalainayiru	Thalainayiru (Town Panchayat)	Kundooranvizhi	28
9	Thalainayiru	Naluvethapathi	Naluvethapathi (Ambedhkar Nagar)	62
10	Keezhaiyoor	Sadaiyankadu	Sadaiyankadu	144
11	Thalainayiru	Kovilpathu (North)	Kovilpathu (North)	98
12	Keezhaiyoor	Puthupalli MGR Nagar	Puthupalli	84

13	Thalainayiru	Thamaraipulam	Thamaraipulam	81
14	Vetharanyam	Pushpavanam	Pushpavanam (Ambedhkar Nager)	62
15	Keezhaiyoor	Vizhunthamavadi	Vizhunthamavadi (South)	63
			Total	956

Facilitating the communities to avail themselves of the relief measures.

One thousand and five hundred families were animated to submit individual memorandums along with the photo of the damaged house and family identity cards demanding construction of permanent disaster resilient houses to the District Collector of Nagappattinam. RUC provided the Tamil version of the relief norms of Ministry of Home Affairs to the victims to avail themselves of the relief measures from Government of Tamil Nadu and to the NGOs to be distributed among the Gaja victims.

workshop on disaster resilience construction strategy

Two-day workshop on disaster resilience construction strategy for thirty masons was conducted in collaboration with EGS Pillai Engineering College, Nagappattinam. Dr.R.Sivakumar, Head of Department of Civil Engineering and Prof. P.Malliga, Associate Professor and A. Maria James, Secretary of RUC, conducted the workshop. The experience and the strategy has been shared with delta region NGOs of Tamil Nadu.

Co-ordination with NGOs: Four Co-ordination meetings were conducted with the organizations involved in the Gaja Cyclone relief response.

Co-ordination with Government: RUC participated in the Government and NGO co-ordination meeting conducted at the District Collector's office, Nagappattinam and highlighted the issues of the victims, especially the need for the construction of disaster resilience permanent houses and to undertake restoration of livelihood means.

Results:

1. The cyclone Gaja victims numbering 956 Dalit families were helped to return to their normal life.
2. All the cyclone Gaja victims are aware of the relief measures of Government and received the relief amount directly to their bank accounts.
3. Evolved a low cost disaster resilient housing design for the poor to reconstruct their houses damaged in cyclone Gaja.
4. Helped the NGOs working in six Districts of Tamil Nadu on the relief norms of Government.

2. PRIME MINISTER'S MICRO INSURANCE SCHEME FOR THE POOR:-

Rural Uplift Centre is one of the agencies approved by Life Insurance Corporation of India to implement the Prime Minister's Micro Insurance Scheme for the Poor, who cannot enroll themselves under the regular insurance scheme. Two hundred policy holders paid the premium amount of Rs: 1,70,000/- (one lakh and seventy thousand) during this year. Six persons surrendered their policies and received the maturity amount of Rs: 52,604/- (fifty two thousand six hundred and four). Two persons received the maturity amount of Rs: 24,785/- (twenty four thousand seven hundred and eighty five). Thirty one policy holders renewed their policies by paying Rs:78,000/- due amount.

- Results:**
1. Life risk of two hundred and thirty one poor people are transferred and have savings .
 2. Two policy holder's dependants received an amount of Rs:24,785/- (twenty four thousand seven hundred and eighty five).
 3. Six policy-holders surrendered their policies and received Rs:52,604/- (fifty two thousand six hundred and four)

3. RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL CRÈCHE SCHEME:

Rural Uplift Centre is running four crèches for the children of beedi-workers and agricultural labourers, one centre each at Kallathi and Elangulam and two centres at Thalapathysamuthram in Nanguneri Panchayat Union limit of Tirunelveli District. One hundred and three children are being taken care of at these crèches. The children are imparted pre-school training through play way method with the help of trained pre-school teachers. The children are provided with nutritious mid-day meals at noon and snacks in the morning & evening. Quarterly medical checkup is carried out on these children and they are provided with necessary medicines in collaboration with the Primary Health Centre personnel, Government of Tamil Nadu. Childcare and Children's progress are discussed with mothers at monthly orientation meetings. Besides, measures to prevent diseases and to prepare nutritious meals with the locally available food materials are taught to the mothers. Crèche monitoring committees consisting of panchayat leaders, community leaders, leaders of women's groups and a representative of Rural Uplift Centre are constituted in all the four centres to animate and monitor the functioning of the four crèches. Independence Day, Republic Day, Children's Day, Kamaraj anniversary and Annual school Day celebrations are organized at all the centres to demonstrate the skills acquired by the children. Government of India's, Ministry of Women & Child welfare Development, Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Integrated Children Development Scheme and RUC meet the cost in 60:30:10 percentages respectively.

Results: All the 100 children acquired pre-school training. This programme enabled the children to acquire motor development, knowledge development, physical development, social development, intellectual development and language skill. It also enabled the parents to go for manual work during the daytime, as the children are cared by us. Drop-out rate reduced, as the elder children are relieved from the younger childcare responsibility. The rural children are also able to compete with urban students. The headmasters of the nearby

primary schools have reported that the children trained in RUC -run crèches perform better than the other children in all school activities.

4. ENSURING RESILIENCE OF SMALL & MARGINAL FARMERS TO NEUTRALIZE THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY CLIMATE CHANGE-INDUCED DISASTERS.

Rural Uplift Centre conducted twelve days capacity building training programmes for 12 days for 400 small & marginal farmers of Marthandom, Kadayal, Moolachel, Kurunthancodu and Kulasekaram of Kanyakumari District and Melapathai, Moonkiladi, Eduppoor, Chinthamani and Pottaiyadi-Alangulam of Thirunelveli District during the previous two years. The topics covered were soil fertility management through various types of composts & green manure, selection process of seeds, nursery preparation, manure management, weed management, plant growth tonic preparations, pest-repellent preparation, bio-pest control measures, inter-cropping, mixed cropping, three-tier cropping, water conservation measures, Cattle rearing, Government welfare schemes for organic farming and disaster preparedness in organic farming etc. Three-day exposure programmes were conducted to two hundred farmers. They were taken to Tamil Nadu Agriculture University-Coimbatore and various organic farms in Tamil Nadu & Kerala during 2016-2018.

Capacity building training on Climate Change induced disaster response.

During this year, ten-day capacity building training programmes were conducted in each of the target villages (Marthandom, Kadayal, Moolachel, Kurunthancodu and Kulasekaram of Kanyakumari District and Melapathai, Moonkiladi, Eduppoor, Chinthamani, Pottaiyadi - Alangulam of Thirunelveli District) for one hundred selected young farmers on Climate Change risk reduction and disaster response management. The topics covered are Climate Change risk analysis, vulnerability analysis, hazard analysis, community capacity gap analysis, enhancing survivability, preparedness, early warning signals of hazards, preparation of Climate Change adaptation plan.

Two-day intensive capacity building training was conducted for the selected fifty young farmers on preparation of contingency plan for responding to disasters, roles and responsibilities of Disaster Management task force members, linkage between task force members and other stakeholders such as Government Disaster Management Authorities and humanitarian agencies, Core Humanitarian Standard in disaster response, identification of rescue centres for sheltering the internally displaced persons during disasters and preparation of information booklet on the contact details of Disaster Management Authorities consisting of local authorities, District Disaster Management Authorities, State and Central Government Disaster Management Authorities. Adv.C.M.Gerald & Adv.A.Maria James, experts on Disaster Management, conducted the above training.

Three-day intensive cattle rearing training was conducted by Dr.Jeyanandhan , former Director of Animal Husbandry, Government of Kerala and Dr.Ganapathy, Asst.Surgeon, Govt of Tamil Nadu on goat rearing, poultry farming, bee keeping, piggery, preparation of cattle feeds, preventive and curative measures for various diseases to the 400 farmers of the

above mentioned target villages. All the beneficiaries were animated to avail themselves of the Government welfare measures to improve their organic farming and cattle rearing.

Exhibition of organic products & campaign for organic farming:

Twenty-day exhibition & campaign for organic farming was conducted at Kuzhithurai Municipality Ground during the annual Vavubali function jointly by the Marthandam zone organic farmers & RUC. Various vegetable nurseries, seeds, pest repellants, plant growth tonics were displayed. Nearly 30,000 persons visited the exhibition stall. Marthandam zone organic farmers exhibited their seedlings and products and received the appreciation award from the Kuzhithurai Municipality as the best exhibition stall. The entire cost of the campaign was met by the Marthandam zone organic farmers.

Farm schools:

Mr. S. Christopher and Mr. P. Muthukumar regularly visit the organic farms, facilitated the organic farmers to face the challenges (enhancing soil fertility, disease prevention, pest control and plant growth) in organic farming and helped them to find profitable market for their produce.

Climate Change Adaptation Conference:

One day Conference was conducted at Nanguneri on 19th of November 2018 on Climate Change adaptation practices. Mr.H.Vasanthakumar, the Member of Legislative Assembly, Mr.S.V.Krishnan, former Member of Legislative Assembly, Dr.Lalmohan-Agriculture Scientist, Dr.Mathivanan -Environment specialist, Mrs. Ponnarasi-Asst Director of Horticulture and Mr.A.Maria James were the conference resource persons. Three hundred and twenty farmers and some political party leaders attended the conference.

Results:

1. Four hundred small and marginal farmers of Thirunelveli & Kanyakumari District have acquired alternative skills on organic farming strategy to respond to climate change-induced drought or flood. The alienated organic farming technologies have become their own technology and now they have control over them. The organic matter of the soil increased and the soil fertility increased to sustain productivity.
2. They ensured food security at their family level for the whole year. The yield obtained is nutritious, poison-free and good for health and preventing various diseases. The cost of cultivation decreased, as the farmers themselves produce organic manure and pest repellants. They are able to find market in and around the community.
3. The above farmers have cultivated various drought resistance food crops by adopting organic farming practices and obtained reasonable yield (paddy, plantain and vegetables) in the first time crop itself. The study conducted by RUC revealed that organic farming was done in 725.73 acres and the farmers received an average profit of Rs:29,921/- (twenty nine thousand nine hundred and twenty one) each.

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Crops</i>	<i>Number of Farmers</i>	<i>Area cultivated in Acres</i>	<i>Input Cost in thousands</i>	<i>Yield rupees in thousands</i>	<i>Profit rupees in thousands</i>
1	Paddy	139	200.06	2779.30	6542.50	3763.20
2	Banana	269	261.56	10719.65	28294.40	17574.75
3	Cotton	29	27.00	247.50	675.00	427.50
4	Groundnut	25	28.60	173.50	516.80	343.30
5	Cereals	47	21.32	216.19	548.00	331.82
6	Vegetables	208	49.92	1284.60	2943.70	1659.10
7	Rubber	94	74.88	2541.70	5911.20	3369.50
8	Coconut	124	62.40	1282.40	3784.50	2502.10
	Total	935	725.73	19244.84	49216.10	29971.27

4. Most of the farmers included poultry or cattle rearing or beekeeping to enhance their income as detailed below.

Other income generating activities carried out -Livelihood for resilience

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Animals / birds</i>	<i>Number of Farmers</i>	<i>No. of animals</i>	<i>Input Cost in thousands</i>	<i>Yield rupees in thousands</i>	<i>Profit rupees in thousands</i>
1	Cow	209	560.00	1636.10	4590.25	2954.15
2	Hen	197	5082.00	703.83	1917.10	1213.27
3	Goat	173	1307.00	693.50	3371.20	2677.70
4	Bee Keeping	45	2417.00	218.00	1141.00	923.00
	Total	624	9366.00	3251.43	11019.55	7768.12

5. The 400 farmers and their family members belong to twenty villages are resilient to damage caused by Climate Change and they are free from poverty.
6. Disaster Management Committees are formed in all the twenty communities to respond to emergencies and they are linked up with State Disaster Management Authority.

7. Forty-eight expert organic farmers participated in the All India Radio experience sharing programmes. Their interviews were broadcast by All India Radio. Out of which, twenty two farmer's interviews were aired at the rate of ten minutes each and twenty eight farmer's interviews were aired at the rate of fifteen minutes each. Some of the interviews were repeated several times.
8. Three organic farmers, Mr.Henri, Mr.Micheal and Mrs.Little Flower, received the best organic farmer award from Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Diocese of Trivandrum and Kerala Agriculture University respectively.
9. Four organic farmers Mr.Henri, Mrs.Little Flower, Mr.Maria Cesil and Mr.Darwin, were selected for the "Agriculture Scientist-cum-Farmers Forum" constituted by Government of Tamil Nadu at District level.

5. ENABLING WOMEN TO GET RELIEF FROM POVERTY AND VIOLENCE AND TO GET LEGAL AID

The RUC's advocates team (A. Maria James, A. Maria Stephen, P.Arumairaj, C.M.Gerald and Mrs.Susheela Devi) along with the paralegal workers conducted nine para-legal training of four days each, benefitting 457 women beedi workers on Beedi & Cigar workers Act 1966, Payment of wages Act 1936, Maternity Benefit Act,1961, The Bonus Act,1965, The Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952, Workmen Compensation Act, 1923, The Gratuity Act, Industrial Dispute Act, 1947, Payment of Minimum Wages Act 1948, Trade Union Act, 1926, Abolition of Bonded Labourer Act1976, Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, Social Security (Minimum Standard) Convention, 1976, Declaration of Fundamental Principles & Rights at Work, Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standard) Convention,1976.

The RUC's advocates team along with the paralegal workers conducted three para- legal training programmes of four days each, benefitting 128 social workers on Hindu Marriage Act 1955, Indian Christian Marriage Act,1872, Muslim Marriage Act, 1937, Special Marriage Act, 1954, Divorce Act 1869, Family Court Act, 1984, Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens' Act 207, National Commission for Women Act,1990, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act,2005. Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act,1998, The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986,Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2003 and Convention on the "Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women. Twelve follow-up paralegal training programs were conducted benefitting 191 women beedi workers. Twelve followup training programmes were conducted to benefit 254 women agricultural workers.

International day on "Poverty & Violence Against Women and Children" was conducted on 24th of November jointly with the NGOs of Kanyakumari District at Bishop's House, Nagercoil. 200 women participants from fourteen NGOs participated. Mrs.Helen Davidson, Former Member of Parliament, Ms.Usha Bhasi-All India Democratic Women's Association, Mrs.Agnes-President, Women's Commission, Kottar Diocese and women's groups leaders participated. Another programme on "Poverty & Violence Against Women and

Children”was conducted on 20th of November at St. Joseph’s College of Education, Kalakadu.54 women participated in the programme.

International Women’s Day celebrations were conducted on 8th, 9th of March at Nanguneri and Sethur. Six hundred women participated in the two programmes. A joint programme was organized by the coalitions of women’s organizations and RUC at Nagercoil on 8th of March, 2019. The International Women’s Day programme asked the Government to pass a law for 33 percentage reservation for women in legislative bodies, Protecting the soil and water bodies, total prohibition for liquor and narcotic drugs , protection for women & children from various forms of violence, maintenance of public roads, promotion of organic farming, consumer friendly footsteps in the public transport, ensuring livelihood through creation of new employment opportunities etc.

UN Day in support of torture of victims was conducted on June 28th at RECT Polytechnic College, Vijayanarayanam and 26th at Sree Iyyappa College, Nagercoil. Two hundred and thirty six students participated in these events.

International Labour Day was celebrated at RUC, Nanguneri, on first of May, 2018. Two hundred and seventy workers participated in the function. Mr.H.Vasanthakumar, M.L.A., Mr.S.V.Krishnan, Ex.M.L.A., chief functionaries of five NGOs and several people’s movement leaders participated in the function. The participants submitted their grievances to the Government of Tamil Nadu through Mr.H.Vasanthakumar.M.L.A. of Nanguneri Constituency.

Human Rights Day programmes were conducted at Sree Ayyapa College, Nagercoil and at RECT Polytechnic College of Education, Vijayanarayanam. One hundred and fifty six women participated in these programmes. Advocate Maria Stephen and Advocate P.Arumairaj explained various provisions of Human Rights Act.

Seven Women Right’s Monitoring cells were formed in Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari Districts having an average membership of nineteen each to articulate their grievances to the appropriate authorities.

Legal Aid to victims:

During the year twenty-eight cases were conducted to assist the victims to get justice and compensation.

Domestic Violence	-	6 cases.	Women sexual harrassement	-	1 case
Dowry Harassment	-	3 cases.	Sexual harrassement of children by		
Divorce Cases	-	2 cases.	custodians	-	1 case.
Maintenance	-	2 cases.	Charging exorbitant rate of interst-		1case.
Criminal cases	-	6 cases.	Getting scheduled caste certificate to		
Cheating case	-	5 cases	Puthiraivannan community	-	1 case.

Results:

- Women's group leaders, beedi workers & social workers are aware of the means of asserting the rights of women, children, workers and have enhanced their joint bargaining capacity to assert their rights.
- Women beedi workers, who were refused passbook & log note received passbook & log note. Due to this, they are able to get Rs: 254.11 as wage for rolling 1000 beedies including eight percentage leave wage, eight percentage bonus and ten percentage provident fund contribution.
- Received Government's assistance for construction of houses to the seventy beneficiaries @ Rs:2.0 lakh each and @ Rs.1.5 lakh each for two families.
- 15 women received assistance @Rs:35,000/- each for purchase of cows.
- 17 families received toilet facility @Rs:12,000/-each.
- Drinking water facility was provided at Kallathi worth Rs:3,00,000/(three lakh) and at Pothaiyadi Alangulam worth Rs:1,00,000/-(one lakh)
- 1324 gm Jewels worth Rs. 39,72,000/- (rupees thirty nine lakh seventy two thousand), and cash Rs. 10,00,000/- (rupees ten lakh only), household articles worth Rs:5,50,000/- (five lakh fifty thousand) in four cases.
- Rs. 5000/- (rupees five thousand only) per month amount was awarded as monthly maintenance in a case.
- Two families were united.
- Rs:54,000/-(fifty four thousand) was reimbursed in the S.H.G loan cheating case and Rs:52,000/- (fifty two thousand) was reimbursed in the chit fund cheating case.
- Rs:3,37,000/- (three lakh and thirty seven thousand) reimbursed in the two jewels pledging cheating cases

6. Service provider under Protection of Women from Domestic Violence:

Rural Uplift Centre was appointed as Service Provider under Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 for Kanyakumari District by the Government of Tamil Nadu. RUC along with the District Social Welfare Officer-cum-Protection Officer conducted conciliation for twenty five dowry harassment cases.

Results:

1. Jewels worth Rs. 14,40,000/-(fourteen lakh and forty thousand) , Cash Rs:5,00,000/-(five lakh) and household articles worth Rs1,50,000/-(one lakh and fifty thousand) were received back by the victims in three cases.
2. Two divorced couples were united and four couples were divorced.

7. MEANS OF TRANSPORT / COMMUNICATION.

RUC purchased a two-wheeler for easy mobility of RUC personnel. One Camera was purchased for photo documentation of RUC activities.

Results:

RUC staffs are able to reach the remote villages. RUC activities and results are documented.

8. NET WORKING & CO-ORDINATION:

A.Maria James, Secretary of RUC, was elected as the District Chief Convener for the Kanyakumari District Social Action Movement having forty-two member organizations in 2016-2017. The Social Action Movement, Kanyakumari District and RUC jointly conducted nine meetings cum workshops on Resource Mobilization Strategies, Compliance of various laws/Government orders governing NGOs such as FCRA amendments, Income Tax amendments and their consequences and Compliance of Employees Provident Fund regulations etc; Also participated in three State Executive Committee meeting of SAM (held at Trichy, Salem and Pondichery) and updated the provisions of FCRA amendments, Income Tax amendments and their consequences and Compliance of Employees Provident Fund regulations etc . A.Maria James, Secretary of RUC, explained the various provisions of FCRA amendments and Income Tax amendments during these meetings. RUC also helped SAM in preparing the People's Manifesto 2019 and released it in the delta region meeting held at Tanjore. A.Maria James, Secretary of RUC, participated in the National Consultation on Challenges of NGOs 2018 organised by VANI South India at Gandigram University and at Alwarkurichy, Thirunelveli District.

9. Staff capacity building:

Twelve one-day staff capacity building training-cum-project activity monitoring meetings were conducted at RUC.

10. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION:

The members of RUC and the staff took serious efforts to mobilize local resource for implementing the charitable activities. The parents of Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche programme, beneficiaries of Organic farming strategy for disaster resilience programme in Kanyakumari & Thirunelveli Districts, beneficiaries of micro credit programme and other wellwishers contributed a lot. Misereor - Germany & German Doctor's for Developing Countries supported for the Gaja cyclone relief project, Misereor - Germany, supported for the project enabling women to get relief from poverty and violence and to get legal aid, Manos Unidas-Spain supported the project Organic farming strategy for disaster resilience. Ministry of Woman & Child Welfare-Govt. of India & Government of Tamil Nadu supported running the Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Programme.

11. INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

During this financial year an amount of Rs: 67,48,277/- (sixty seven lakh and forty eight thousand two hundred and seventy seven excluding the advances) only was received as contributions and bank interest from various sources and spent an amount of Rs: 73,22,386/- (seventy three lakh twenty two thousand and three hundred and eighty six only) including the

capital expenses of Rs:1,51,010/- (one lakh fifty one thousand and ten) for various charitable activities as detailed in the attached audited statement of accounts.

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