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FOREWORD



It is with great pride in our many accomplishments that we publish our annual report for the financial year 2017-18. This is the 35th annual report since NYSASDARI's founding in 1982. In the past 35 years, we have crossed several milestones and established ourselves as a successful non-profit organization which has a great impact in many communities. We started from a remote village of Dhenkanal in 1982, and now NYSASDRI is visible in each and every corner of our global arena. We conduct our work with firm belief and quality. Our flagship programmes, including ODM community School Kokuajar, NYSASDRI Public School, Muniguda, NYSASDRI School of Journalism & Social work, Govindpur and Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre, Dhenkanal are very highly reputed in their own spheres. We are also proud of our newer project, Family Counseling Centre, Swadhar Greh, which focuses exclusively on women empowerment activities, an area that is highly relevant and beneficial to our community. Another interesting and innovative programme that we have been working hard on is implementing the Meikirch Model for Healthcare in order to promote better health in the community. For more information on these individual programmes, please visit their individual websites which are all part of a parent body, at nysasdrischool.org, meikirchmodelodisha.org and kalingaeyehospital.org. I thank you for your support through all these years which has allowed us to reach this stage, and I look forward to your continual support for the years to come.

Sarangadhar Samal
Director, NYSASDRI

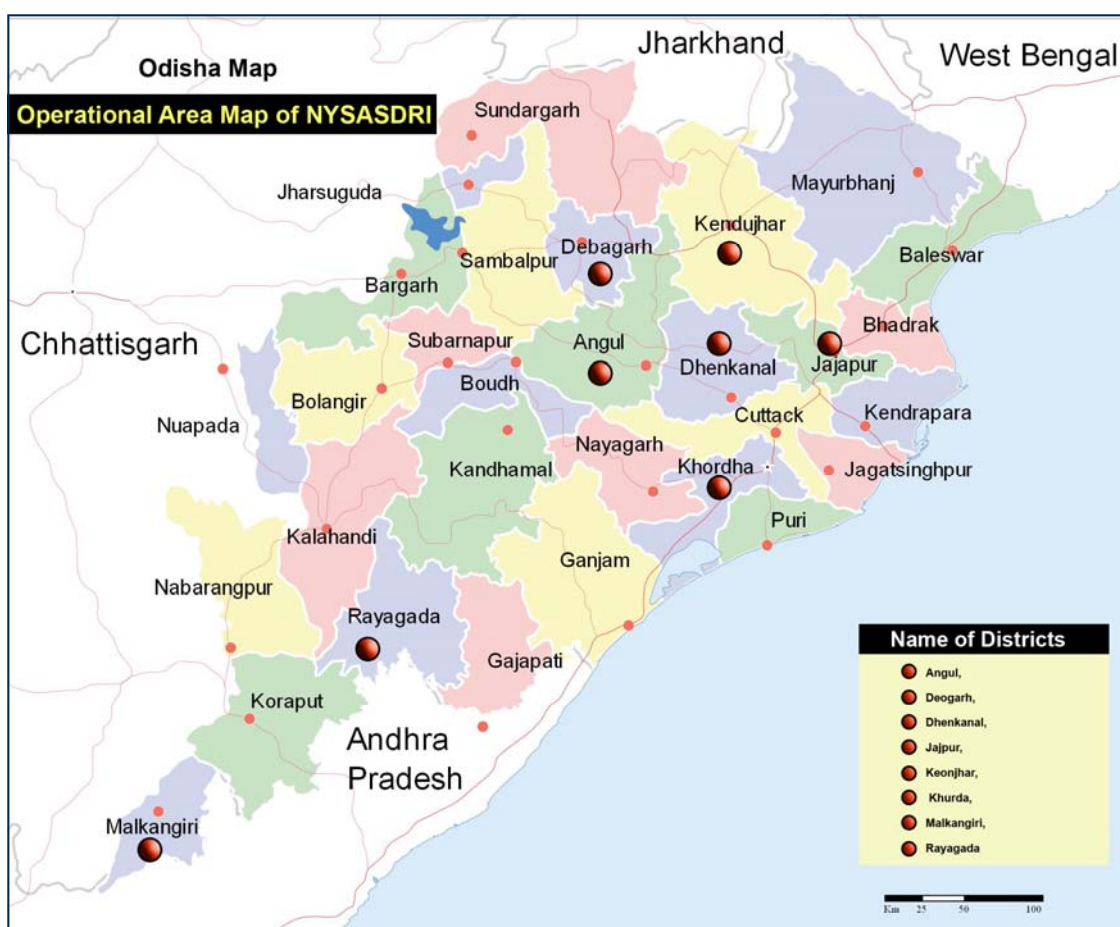
Genesis

The National Youth Service Action and Social Development Research Institute (NYSASDRI) is a nonprofit organization. It reaches approximately 5.2 million people in Odisha through innovative and sustainable development strategies. It was established as a village youth club in 1973, and later registered under the Indian Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860 (Registration No. DKL-390/80), the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) of 1976 (Registration. No. 104890005), and 12(A) & 80(G) of the Income Tax Act.

NYSASDRI operates in mostly remote and inaccessible pockets of 08 districts in Odisha where more than 60% of the population is living below the poverty line. Our development initiative covers the poor and vulnerable sections of the demography including women, children, elderly, disabled, destitute, marginal farmers, rural artisans, as well as other under privileged groups. Strategically, we have developed an integrated direct service delivery approach through research, advocacy, and networking.

Operational Area

NYSASDRI operates in 08 districts of Odisha: Angul, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Keonjhar, Khurda, Malkangiri, and Rayagada. In these districts, NYSASDRI works with marginalized people from scheduled tribes and scheduled castes, destitute women, children, families from below the poverty line, elderly persons, people with disabilities, small scale rural farmers and people needing eye care and general health care.





To empower underprivileged communities by increasing participation in developmental activities, ensuring proper utilization of resources within the community, raising the level of literacy and expanding access to healthcare and education.

To facilitate the process of establishing a just society by enabling underprivileged people to gain power and lead a higher quality of life with access to common resources and necessities.



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Affiliations and Alliances:

- The United Nations Department of Public Information (UN-DPI/NGO)
- Vision 2020, an organization formed by IABP & WHO
- International Federation of Neighborhood and Settlement (IFS)
- Indo-American Friendship Foundation (IAFF), USA
- Voluntary Action Network India (VANI)
- Women Power Connect (WPC), New Delhi
- District Blindness Control Society

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Strategy:



NYSASDRI's development initiatives are based upon community participation. Our goal is to increase participation in the planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluation of our programs so that the programs implemented can be sustainable long after NYSASDRI's initial input. This approach also fosters community pride and togetherness. Our strategic approach encompasses:

- Public Education & Awareness
- Development Counseling
- Skill Training in Health, Education and Livelihood Program
- Promotion and Usage of Local Resources
- Networking
- Research
- Advocacy



Family Counselling Centre



The Family Counseling Centre (FCC) of NYSASDRI has extended services to 124 families through both joint and individual counseling sessions. They collect information from community members to assess where there is need and what the counseling need in the community's families may be. Counselors make home visits and organize sessions where there is active participation from the local police, Panchayat Raj Institution members, and governmental officials that have authority to reconcile grievances community members may have with authorities in the region. In response to their specific need, some cases may be referred to legal aid cells, police stations, Swadhar Greh, Ujjawala and the women's cell opened by the government at the district. Four sub-committee meetings have been conducted during the 2017-2018 reporting year to support community members with complaints. The sub-committees also conduct reviews of current programs affecting the community and approve future plans and expansions. The family counseling centre has been conducting publicity and awareness campaigns on different social issues in the community about better self-control and reducing violence towards women through various printed leaflets, posters, and banners.

Swadhar Greh (for women in distress)

NYSASDRI implemented a plan for a women's shelter that at any given time had a capacity for 30 women and 7 children. During the 2017-2018 reporting year the shelter housed 32 women and 22 children. At the time of publication, others were actively enrolling. The SwadharGreh shelter provides opportunities for those, living there to learn income generating vocations like tailoring, kitchen and garden maintenance activities,



Sub Collector, Ms. Shilpa Sharma, IAS visited to Swadhar Greh for Inspection

Broom making, bamboo crafts, nursery and mushroom cultivation. Shelter residents are fully provided like :- accommodations, food, clothes, counseling, legal aid, entertainment facilities, healthcare check-ups, and medicines for women and their children. The children are continue their schooling since they are enrolled in the local Integrated Child Development Centre and primary



school. Under the Chairmanship of Child Development Project Officer, Gondia and Swadhar Greh personnel has been formed a committee. The committee reviews the quality of food and other provisions, satisfaction of the residents and quality of counseling given. Based on their reviews, every quarter, recommendations are given and improvements can continually be made.

Deemed Orphan



Special care was given to 17 children in the Swadhar Greh who were staying with their mothers. They were provided with necessary support and counseling, educational services, entertainment, indoor game facilities, additional food supplements, clothing, healthcare and necessary medicine for ill children. Also, the staff and mothers observed with the children festivals, national holidays, and children's birthdays.

Educational Complex for Tribal Girls

NYSASDRI runs an educational campus at Hukumtola in the Rayagada district of Odisha. Currently, 100 tribal girls are being provided with primary education up to class 5. They are also able to stay and live at the school. Aside from lodging, the school also provides food, uniform dress materials, sundry and toiletry items, learning materials, pocket money, excursions like picnics, and healthcare check-ups and necessary medications. It also provides incentives to the students



for good behavior and performance. Besides regular classes, the students also participate in friendly speech, song, drawing, and dance competitions during special events and holidays. They also take part in extracurricular activities like gardening, sports, and vocational training. After a restriction order from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs of the Government of India, NYSASDRI will revive the full range of activities that took place here during the 2017-2018 year.



NYSASDRI School of Journalism and Social work (NSJS)



The NSJS is recognized by the Government of Odisha Tourism & Culture Department and is affiliated with the Utkal University of Culture. The school was founded in 2013, and since its inception there have been three successful graduating classes. There are a total of 46 students enrolled in first semester studies in the current academic session. Twenty-eight students have recently been promoted to 3rd semester studies in the MA for Social Work program. The school organizes welcoming ceremonies for freshmen students and farewell ceremonies for graduating students. Current students take part in lectures, seminars, fieldwork, and receive NGO placement for real-world experience. There is a library, community area, hostel, and cafeteria for both male and female students. Students participate twice per week with an NGO they have been placed in, depending slightly on their course of study. They are assessed for performance by regular examinations during the semester. A

score of 60% is the minimum score required to successfully pass a course. Since its founding, 100% of the school's students have successfully passed all their courses and graduated. In the opinion of the instructors, each year NSJS has produced excellent and capable students that will be able to go on and have a positive impact in their communities. In the past year, 14 Masters in Journalism and Mass Communication and 19 Master in Social Work students have taken and



and passed their final exams. Almost all of the students have been successfully placed in well-recognized and reputable organizations of social service or journalism after graduation; or have chosen to further their studies in other institutions. NSJS sponsors and encourages regular extracurricular activities like cultural exploration programs, sports, excursions, field trips, and social activities with their fellow students. The school also observes national holidays like Independence Day, Republic Day, Ganesh Puja, and Saraswati Puja.

NYSASDRI School



The NYSASDRI School was originally named Odisha Demonstrative Multipurpose Community School (ODMCS). The NYSASDRI Public School was established in February of 2010 and is located at Kokuajhar village of Kshipur Gram Panchayat in Gondia Block of the Dhenkanal district. Its objective is to enhance the quality of education in rural tribal areas. The school's curriculum matches with the Indian CBSE standards set for grades I through V, English Medium School type. During this past year, 55 children are enrolled in the school and progressing through nursery up to Grade V. Extracurricular activities include sports, excursions, cultural functions, group dances, drama theater, song singing, comedies, cultural dressing, etc. Annually, positive reinforcement is given to the children by awarding certificates and prizes to top students in categories like sports, art, cultural competency. This past year, students went on a fieldtrip to Khankira Maa Tareni Temple and other historical places and cultural significance in the Dhenkanal district. One of the students, Swagatika Pradhan in Class IV, was awarded an INR 10,000 scholarship for passing the Gurukula Scholarship examination.



The Meikirch Model- Improved Health Care by a New Understanding



Participated in an International workshop in Kerala

The village of Meikirch, Switzerland was the birthplace of the Meikirch Model of Health. It states that in order for a human being to be fully, holistically healthy, that all aspects of their life beyond health must be intact and functional. Examples are nutrition, personal safety, hygiene and sanitation, water safety, education, community togetherness and social livelihood, and successful and planned procreation and family creation. The whole genetic potential of an individual can't be reached without that individual working on improving all these aspects of their life. Each person has a certain amount of potential with regard to each of these factors, but that potential must be cultivated and realized throughout life. Reminiscent of Maslow's hierarchy, the Meikirch Model holds that one can most efficiently develop intellectually and spiritually if their biological needs are being met. We have been constantly participating in different conferences and workshops to determine ways that we can

implement this theory in NYSASDRI's activities. We distribute posters, learning materials, and engage with community members directly to teach about disease prevention, the benefits of exercise, yoga, meditation, the benefits of including greens and vegetables in their diet, sanitation and hygiene, best practices in obtaining safe drinking water, having sanitary latrines, cleaning with soap before and after meals, and the avoidance of alcohol and drugs. On February 5th, 2018, our director and joint director participated in an international workshop in Kerala where they shared NYSASDRI's experiences in implementing the ideas found in the Meikirch Model of Health.



Micro Credit Support for Differentially Abled People



Micro credit support for differentially abled people has been implemented by NYSASDRI in Govindpur village under Sadar block, Santhasara, Santhapur, Erenda, Bajuria, Balijoranda and Nayakateni villages under Gondia block of Dhenkanal District. We have aided the loan recipients with vocational training, self-help groups, and with opening bank accounts so that they can safely manage their money. There were a total of 45 recipients of microloans, where each loan amount was dependent on assessed need of the individual based on their plans. Recipients were then considered participants of the microloan entrepreneurship program. In addition to the training surrounding the microcredit program, advocacy groups of differentially abled people were formed in each community so that they could lobby the government and have their voices heard concerning needs that must be met.

Infrastructural Development at NYSASDRI Educational Complex



In our educational complex which is 3880 sq feet, we have constructed two classrooms, a veranda, library, kitchen and refectory according to our original plans. Other works that have been completed include painting, electrification, and the fitting of aluminium panels and clear glass fittings for doors and windows. A roof top protection wall was also installed. A staircase was constructed that connects the first floor to the roof. All of these parts of the building are now fully complete and functional, which has proven useful for students and educators alike.

Besides these renovations, water and electrical supply are fully functional and up to code; and beds, utensils, learning equipment, library equipment like computers, furniture, and other living supplies



have been provided for all students. We feel that we have succeeded in creating a safe environment in which the children can be happy and enjoy a quality education.

Odisha Forest Sector Development Program Phase II – Begun on December 1st, 2017 in the Sadar Range



During this financial year, NYSASDRI was selected as one of the partner NGOs implementing the Odisha forest sector development program phase II in the Sadar Block of Dhenkanal. The program was begun on December 1, 2017. The objective of the program is to couple the enhancement of the forest ecosystem with positive development in the surrounding communities. The program does this by teaching the residents about sustainable living, sustainable forest management, and the benefits of biodiversity and forest conservation and the positive impact this can reciprocally have on the community by providing more space for farming, water gathering, recreation, and animal

habitat. Through all this, the program seeks to create harmony between environmental conservation in Dhenkanal and the socio-economic development in surrounding communities that can come from those conservation efforts.

The P-NGO (NYSASDRI) made an agreement with the DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Dhenkanal Forest Division on 30.11.2017 to work in OFSDP-II. Initially in the 1st phase, Team Members have joined on 1st December 2017 in FMU Dhenkanal to work in OFSDP-II project in six FMUs (Dhenkanal, Hindol, Sadangi, Kapilash, Kamakhya Nagar in the east & Kamakhya Nagar in the west) in the Dhenkanal Forest Division. The project will be taken up & a total of 150 nos. VSS are to be covered in this project in the Dhenkanal Forest. Initially in the 1st phase, 25 nos. of VSS from Dhenkanal Range were taken on by the project.

The following activities have been undertaken in OFSDP-II at VSS level under FMU, Dhenkanal:

- Community mobilization & rapport building
- Prioritization of VSSs
- Conducted VSS level awareness camp on “VSS Re-constitution & Management”
- Played key role to conduct Palli Sabha for re-constitution of VSSs as per JFM resolution dated 1st June 2015 of Forest & Environment Department, GoO.
- Re-constitution of VSS Executive Committee in coordination with PRI members.
- Formation of Microplan Working Group,
- Survey & Demarcation Working Committee & Women Working Group in VSS.
- Selection of Animators in VSS to work in the project.
- Preparation of base line data of VSS.



Palli Sabha at VSS

Comprehensive Eye Care by Kalinga Eye Hospital (a unit of NYSASDRI)

Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Center (KEHRC) provides free, high-quality eye care services to the poor and underserved residents of the Angul, Cuttack, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Keonjhar and Khurda districts of Odisha. By providing corrective lenses, treatment for eye diseases, and corrective surgeries, KEHRC has helped restore sight to thousands of people. The hospital is registered under the Clinical Registration Act of Odisha and is a unit of the NYSASDRI. KEHRC is also an associate institutional member of VISION 2020, a national organization dedicated to improving eye health in India. This state of the art facility consists of eight separate eye-care departments, some of which include a cataract department, a diabetic eye disease department, and a pediatric eye health department.

Key achievement of Kalinga Eye Hospital

Creating cadres to cascade skills on early identification

Kalinga Eye Hospital has created a group of Master Trainers, who will cascade their skills to the school teachers, ASHA Workers, Community Health Workers, Village Volunteers and similar kinds of people.

Towards ensuring total coverage in Eye Care

Kalinga Eye Hospital has developed vision centres at Athamallik town of Angul district, and Khajuriakata of Hindol Block & Govindpur of Sadar Block. Apart from regular eye screening, these centres are conducting school eye screening programmes and different types of awareness programmes in the locality.

Mega Eye Camps in Deogarh

Kalinga Eye Hospital has conducted a mega eye screening camp, through which 391 persons were screened and 158 cases were brought for surgery. Kalinga Eye Hospital has again achieved the rare feat of performing over 100 surgeries in just a single day two times due to the wholehearted dedication of the team.



Right to Sight- Right to Education: (The District School Eye Health Model)

Children in the school age group (5 – 15 years) are especially vulnerable to long term consequences of eye diseases if not detected and treated early. The social and economic impact of visual impairment developing at this age is an enormous loss of lifetime productivity and increased burden of providing support for the children. There are over 150,000 school children in the Dhenkanal district alone; whereas there are only 10 ophthalmic technical personnel in the district. Looking at the numbers, it is difficult for such a limited number of technical personnel to evaluate all



the children every year. Knowing that good and maintained eye health optimised in school children (5 – 15 age groups) will help improve learning outcomes in Government schools, and with an aim to reduce burden on technical personnel and empower the community to take ownership of the problem, the District School Eye Health programme was developed and the Government has agreed on the concept, and the activities under the mission were started from July of 2016. Under this mission, we are able to bring all the stakeholders for this initiative such as the District Education Office, District Health Office and other such offices under one roof to start the mission.

Training of School Teachers

Kalinga Eye Hospital has been imparting training to specially identified school teachers to do preliminary eye examinations in school children. 1,861 teachers been trained by the programme to detect children with ophthalmic ailments.

Confirmative Eye Screening Camps

Kalinga Eye Hospital has developed the skills of the school teachers in identifying children with eye problems. The teachers are provided with a scientifically designed eye screening KIT. After the training, the teachers have identified 8,001 children with ophthalmic ailments, and out of them, 6,897 have attended the confirmative eye screening camps. In these confirmative eye screening camps, ophthalmic technical persons have screened these identified children and provided treatment accordingly. So far, 2,257 children have been provided with refractive corrected glasses. Trendy, light weight frames with fibre glasses spectacles were provided to the children.

Reducing Childhood Blindness

Reducing childhood blindness is one of the major objectives of the institution.

In 2017-18 alone, Kalinga Eye Hospital has conducted 132 surgeries on children free of cost.



Both the children of a family were suffering with Bilateral Cataract Blindness

Hospital Based Programme: Dr. Kothari Visit (November 16-18, 2017)

HBP was conducted from 16th to 18th November 2017. Dr. Kothari met with the Paediatric Ophthalmologist of Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dr. Chandra Sekhar Sahoo, and the other ophthalmologist, and helped them learn the skills and address concerns over strabismus surgeries. Dr. Nitukhardse and Dr. Rishika Jain Mutha, PGOS from Jyotirmay Eye Clinic, Mumbai have also participated in the HBP. Apart from strabismus surgeries, Dr. Kothari has transferred his skills on other diseases, including Ptosis and lid treatments.

During the programme, Dr. Kothari also conducted clinical classes for the clinical team of Kalinga Eye Hospital. 51 free paediatric eye surgery operations were conducted during the camp. 122 children aged between 7 months and 15 years were screened and detected to be in need of specialized eye treatment. They belong to poor and poverty stricken families, so Kalinga Eye Hospital has conducted the surgeries free of cost for the patients.

Enhancing the Low Vision (LV) Services at KEH towards Better Care Delivery



At Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal, the Paediatric vision assessment was strengthened with the guidance of Dr. Asim Kumar Sil. As a part of the Sightsavers project, the Vision Enhancement Clinic and Low Vision set up was established at Kalinga Eye Hospital. The centre has also introduced different types of telescopes for patients to improve their distance vision as well near. Aids are provided free of cost to the deserving under the project. Also, in association with the District Administration, a special Low Vision Assessment programme was conducted at Kalinga Eye Hospital's LV clinic from 26th -30th October

2017. 306 children were screened during the drive and 141 were identified under the LV category and they will be provided with the LV aids free of cost from the hospital.

CME on Strabismus (November 18, 2017)

The Paediatric Eye Care has undergone a paradigm change in the last few decades. To render accurate and quality child eye care services, professionals working for eye care need to get an update on a few burning issues related to child eye care. For this purpose, and with a goal of improving the overall quality of Paediatric Eye Care in Odisha, Kalinga Eye Hospital has conducted its 21st CME at its Hospital on 18th November 2017 on the topic of recent advances in child eye care and crossed eye.



Former Director General Rashtriya Rifle and Member Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) at Kolkata Lieutenant General K. P. D. Samant attended the programme as a chief guest, and advised the doctors to keep updated on various developments in the child eye care field. Former Director of Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun, Shri Vinod Kumar (I.F.S), Collector and District Magistrate, Dhenkanal, Shri Bhupendra Singh Poonia (I.A.S), Senior Programme Manager, Sightsavers, India Akbar Mehruz Alam have also honoured the programme as guests of honour.

Programme Study at Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal

The Programme team from Sightsavers, India, consisting of the Chief Executive Officer, Area Director, Programme Director, along with the Programme team of ORBIS consisting of the Director, Finance Officer, and Programme Manager visited Kalinga Eye Hospital on June 19, 2017. During their visit, they visited one of the School Eye Screening camps, which was conducted at CHC, Bhuban, under the Go-NGO system strengthening approach model, under the National School Eye Health Programme. Here, the team interacted with school

teachers, children and with the clinical team who were conducting the screening programme. The team appreciated the efforts which are being taken by Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal.

Spectacles for the Deserving's

Kalinga Eye Hospital has successfully carried out many camps for refractive check-ups. In 2017, Kalinga Eye Hospital has reached out to a total of 7,862 general beneficiaries. These beneficiaries are screened for refractive errors and other eye diseases, and accordingly provided requisite refractive error corrected spectacles free of cost. Special camps were conducted in collaboration with Baba Binakar Das of Alekh Mahima devotees at Malkangiri, Korapur, Visakhapatnam and Dhenkanal district of which is dedicated to the supreme lord. 2,371 devotees were screened for refractive error, and 1,000 were provided with refractive corrected spectacles free of cost.

Education and Training

Every year, Kalinga Eye Hospital recruits girls who have completed their school education and trains them on the job as MLOPs (Mid Level Ophthalmic Personnel) for various jobs such as nursing, housekeeping, administration and others. These MLOPs are undisputedly the heroes behind Kalinga Eye Hospital's success, and have been the backbone of the organization from the beginning.



Community Outreach:

The outreach wing of Kalinga Eye Hospital, which started as a simple cataract screening camp, has evolved in the past 4 years into a comprehensive movement that involves the communities it serves. Many kind hearted institutions, industries and individuals help Kalinga Eye Hospital in our mission of restoring sight to the neediest people from the most remote communities. This year only, Kalinga Eye Hospital had 244 camps through which 33,424 patients were screened and 9,470 underwent surgery. Patients from Dhenkanal, Deogarh, Angul, Jajpur, Keonjhar have benefited.

Quality Assessment Study at Kalinga Eye Hospital

A quality Assessment Study was conducted at Kalinga Eye Hospital from 24-25th May 2017 by Dr. Uday R Gajiwalla, an ophthalmologist from Divyajyoti Trust of Gujarat. This study was conducted with support from Wonderworks, USA. In these two days, Dr. Buttan visited the entire hospital, and reviewed the existing protocols, documents and systems in place to cater patient centric services with the best quality.



Volunteer services



Annie Valerie Micucci

Volunteer services are one of main endeavours of the NYSASDRI. Every year, volunteers come from state, national and international levels and donate their time, expertise and laborto various NYSASDRI initiatives. Our volunteers come from diverse professional and educational backgrounds like photography, social work, medical school students, and undergraduate students from disciplines like policy, social welfare, government, nutrition and medical, forestry and conservation, etc. In the previous year, volunteers were placed

in NYSASDRI associated institutions like tribal schools, the English medium school, Kalinga Eye Hospital, NYSASDRI School of Journalism and Social Work, etc. During their stay at various NYSASDRI placements, they learn from staff members and other volunteers about NYSASDRI's approaches in resource poor settings. This way, volunteers not only help NYSASDRI, but we also help them cultivate their skills and interests so they can go on and be social leaders as well. This past year, two volunteers had long-term stays at Kalinga Eye Hospital and contributed greatly to its efforts. This year, One volunteer namely **Annie Valerie Micucci, Unite for Sight, USA - 25** have joined hand with Kalinga Eye Hospital on a variety of activities.

Outstanding Programs: Disaster Preparedness Program

Odisha is one of the most vulnerable and disaster-prone regions in the country. The necessity for this program was revealed during the disastrous aftermath of the super-cyclone that hit the area in 1999. NYSASDRI has been taking the initiative to learn about disaster relief, preparedness, mitigation, renovation and rehabilitation work regarding natural disasters. On October 13th, 2017 (the International Day for Disaster Reduction), NYSASDRI organized an awareness and orientation program for disaster relief for community members.

Some information provided was how microloans could be used to generate contingency funds so that their families and communities could financially overcome the cost of rebuilding efforts after a disaster, and how the funds could be used for mitigation efforts for their homes to protect their households against disasters in the first place.

Integrated Watershed Management Program

This project focused on ensuring the food security of 300 tribal households from 15 villages in the Gondia block by installing modern irrigation facilities on the surrounding lands, forming effective watersheds. In total, irrigation systems were installed on 150 hectares of land through cooperation between NYSASDRI and community members. Community members involved in the project took part in workshops concerning environmentally friendly entrepreneurial initiatives, and healthcare and educational initiatives.

NYSASDRI is implementing the integrated watershed development program (IWMP Batch –V Sadar - 1) in 7 Grampanchayats that cover 11 micro-watersheds in 18 villages of the Dhenkanal Sadar area. Due to some modifications and changes at the national policy level, the new enhanced program has not been implemented during the reporting period. Therefore, other supporting programs under the project such as the community mobilization, village meetings and construction of entry point activities were conducted in this financial year while we wait for government approval to move forward with the rest of the program.



Public-Private Partnership in Primary Health Care

Two Primary Health Centers (PHCs) in the Sukinda block of the Jajpur District and the Gondia block of Dhenkanal District were transferred to NYSASDRI management using the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. Both PHCs were visited and evaluated by Ms. Leena Choudhury, a representative of IWW. SRISTI Consultancy, a Bhubaneswar based agency, conducted a survey of the PHCs to compare their effectiveness to government run PHCs. The consulting firm assessed their performance with both qualitative and quantitative methods. In addition, a team from SRB Associates performed an audit of the PHC's financial accounts. These three evaluations concluded that the centres were run efficiently and effectively. Because of the effectiveness of the PPP model, the National Rural Health Mission has supported other NGOs in the management of non-regional PHCs at different locations around Odisha.

Circle of Support for Disability and Autism

This cross-cultural program to address disability and autism in India and Europe was completed in January 2006. This action and research-based project was implemented in three countries: India, Germany and the UK. In Germany, it was implemented by Dortmund University of Applied Science and the Klaus Novy Institute in Cologne. In Odisha, India, it was implemented by NYSASDRI and Utkal University. In the UK, it was implemented by Bolton University. The purpose of this project was to promote scientific and professional knowledge and skills for a better understanding

of the qualities of social networks pertaining to disabled individuals in EU & India. The contribution of NYSASDRI to this project was the development of two research studies, preparation of a guidebook for volunteers and professionals, development and analysis of case studies on disability, and the development of a directory of support organizations and individuals working in the field of disability services. NYSASDRI also spread knowledge about the Circle of Support approach to a variety of other organizations through different media, workshops and conferences.

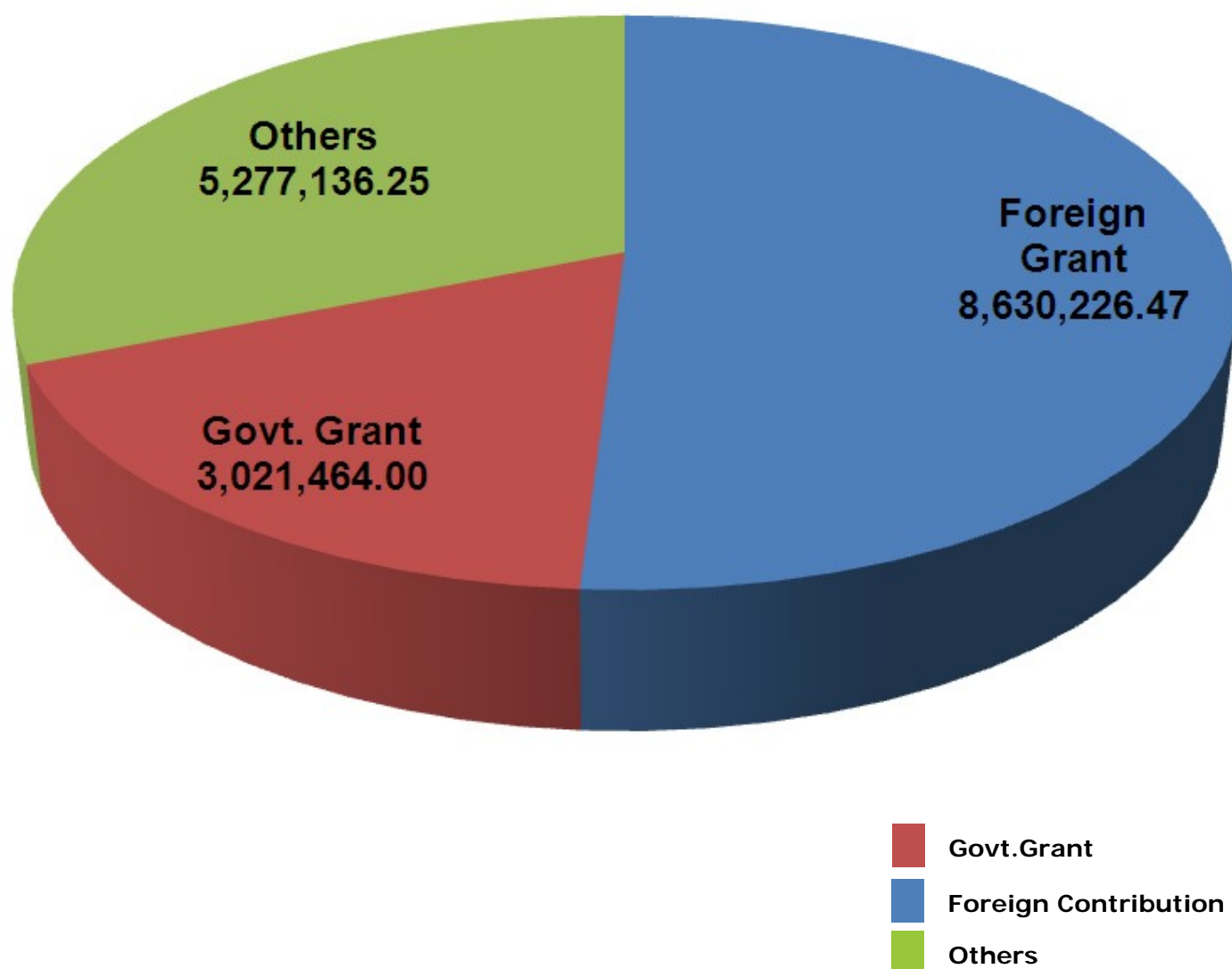


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