Sewa International - Financial Report

Annual Report 2012

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Aid local communities
Promote volunteerism

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Guided by the Hindu philosophy of world peace and harmony, we serve regardless of race, religion, color, gender or nationality.
Sewa Annual Fundraiser, US
Sewa International organized the first nationwide fundraiser “Sri Krishna Vyjayanthi” - a dance drama ballet that represents the life of Lord Sri Krishna. The event staged at ten locations across the US was presented by the renowned Indian theatrical dance troupe Prabhat Kala from Bangalore, India. The exquisite performance received thunderous applause and standing ovations at each of the locations. Sewa International raised $300,000.

Karnataka Flood Rehabilitation, India
Flash floods in 2009 affected over two million people in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh and rendered half a million homeless. Sewa International worked with partner organization Sewa Bharati in providing immediate relief in the form of basic utility, food packets, blankets and clothes. A $52,000 grant from Sewa International helped building 21 new homes benefiting needy families.

Riot Relief, Assam, India
The 2012 communal riots in Assam pushed the state to a state of nightmare. Over 200,000 people were driven out of their homes and thousands butchered and burnt alive. With the situation out of control, and the state unable to handle the situation, volunteers through Sewa’s partner organization started immediate relief operations providing round the clock support in Kokrajhar and Chirang—the two hardest hit riot districts in Assam. In addition, Sewa set up 303 refugee camps across the state.

Sri Lanka - Post civil war rehabilitation
In the aftermath of the multi-decade civil war that left tens of thousands of orphans, widows and homeless, Sewa reached out to the war savaged by providing immediate relief measures. In the post war rehabilitation provided by Sewa, 225 families from six villages benefited in the form of livelihood and entrepreneurship support for widows, scholarships and bicycles for students, poultry and agricultural equipment for farmers, and household items for the needy.

Tribal Development, Gujarat, India
Dr. Ambedkar Vanvasi Kalyan Trust (DAVKT) supports farmers across 500 villages in the two tribal districts of Dang and Tapi in South Gujarat. With funds received from Sewa International, DAVKT trained farmers and organized exposure visits in the use of agriculture equipment for better productivity. Sewa funds helped in setting up six rice mills and six oil mills in 12 villages, saving the farmers from traveling to neighboring villages for the service. In addition, farmers from six villages benefited from a set of 25 agricultural equipments provided to each village.

Sewa - Serving Humanity is Serving the Divine

Design and Development Center for Women Empowerment, Kutch, Gujarat, India
The 2001 earthquake in Gujarat recorded 7.6 on the Richter scale, killed 12,300 people and reduced the Kutch region to shambles. With support from Sewa International, rehabilitation work was commenced in the Kutch area for the empowerment of women by training and developing their designing skills in matching the demand of the modern market. Gujarat chief minister Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurated the Sewa funded Design and Development Center that benefits 400 women from 16 villages and honored Sewa International’s efforts.

Livelihood Project, Odisha, India
The livelihood project involves setting up of a palm leaf plate making unit in the chosen six tribal villages of Kandhamal district in Odisha, India. Two units have already commenced production and four more are planned to begin production in 2013. Set up at cost of $104,000 over three years, the replicable model is self sustaining at the end of the three years. The six units when completed will have a capacity to produce 270,000 leaf plates a year and generate employment to 105 people, most of whom are women. Palm leaf used is a natural resource, is bio-degradable and environment friendly.

Hurricane Sandy, US
When Hurricane Sandy struck in Oct 2012, destroying Northeast US, as always Sewa volunteers came with a quick action plan to cater to the victims. In addition to release of $5,000 grant for immediate relief activities, at the Community Food Bank in Hillside, New Jersey, 12 Sewa International volunteers spent Sunday mornings helping with sorting and packing 100 large boxes of food & groceries. Traci, the volunteer co-ordinator at the Food Bank noted, “It was a pleasure to see Sewa volunteers in action today and I’m looking forward to building a huge Volunteer Relationship in the future”.

Community Development Project, Kenya
A strong campaigner for delivery of basic education and healthcare to needy communities, Sewa worked with partner organization Amara Trust in Kwa Kaluyu community, Athi River District in Kenya to construct eight pit latrines, a healthcare center, a modern kitchen, dining hall and store, and, five classrooms as per Government specifications. The healthcare center is a major advantage to the entire community since there is none within a radius of 30 miles. Two bore wells dug on the property provides relief for the villages in avoiding multi-kilometer everyday walks for water.

Village Health Worker, North-East India
The tribal village Health Worker project run under the local name of “Arogya Rakshak”, trains local village youth in triage, and, first level medical intervention. These health workers number over 5,400 across the seven North-Eastern states of India and cover 3.2 million patient visits. In addition to providing basic allopathic and ayurvedic treatment, these youth also conduct health awareness seminars to the villagers.

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Youth Internship: US and India
Sewa International offers youth internship program locally in the US and internationally in India to advise and other countries. This year 40 youth participated in “Get Inspired” youth internship offered in three cities in India where intern get to work with identified partner NGOs in an area of their interest. Twelve youth served in Bangalore, Pune and Hyderabad during Summer 2012 in health, eco-tourism, slum-tuitions, and orphanages.

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