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*Annual Report of 2014 – 2015*  
(April - March)

## ***From Madhan...***

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from Regenboog India Foundation!!!

Eight years have gone by since Regenboog India started and I look back on the road we have traveled and am speechless!!! Thank you all for your wonderful support for all that we have done so far; without all of you it would not have been possible. Now I am looking forward to continuing the 9<sup>th</sup> year with loads of dreams, plans and innovations to give new shape to our projects.

From this year onwards (2015-16), we are planning to send a newsletter every six months in addition to this annual report so that the donors, well wishers, and volunteers can have a detailed idea of what we are doing here. So many good things, challenges and achievements took place in the 2014-15 period, which we are sharing with you all through this annual report. We hope to receive your valuable feedback on the same to continue our work in an efficient and effective way.

We are so grateful to Prof.Juch Dick and the VZW Johanna Bode for their great contribution to realize our long time dream of having our own campus for the Pharmacy, Library and Office. I am so grateful to Peter Diener, Silvan, Andres Frei, Doris, Lina and Patricia Moran for their wonderful support and also for being here with us. Their visits motivated us a lot and particularly Patricia Moran's involvement in the Children's Village and the fundraising efforts in the United States helped a lot!!!

The board of Regenboog also have two new members, Mr.Sakthi and Mr.Kumaresan instead of Mr.Tirumal and Mr.Saravanan have left. We are so grateful to Mr.Tirumal and Mr.Saravanan for their wonderful cooperation so far.

I thank the donors, volunteers, well wishers, staff team, beneficiaries and the Government officials for their wonderful support and dedicated efforts to realize all our dreams in 2014-15!!! Again it showed that a collective effort is the best always...

Love & Respect,  
*Madhan Mohan*

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### **Mission of Regenboog**

***“Regenboog India Foundation was founded to bring smile and satisfaction to the needy people in the society by providing the necessary services and opportunities for them. It is dedicated to the society and promotes Rural Health Care, Children Welfare, Education and Environment Care.”***

## Highlights of 2014-15

- **38,782** free medical treatments were provided to people living in remote villages by the Mobile Medical Clinic project.
- **4,436** books were circulated to children by the Mobile Library project.
- Around **552** students attended eight Evening Schools.
- **12** students were provided educational sponsorship for their high school education and University education.
- Two girls from the Children's Village completed their high school education and are now ready to go to University
- A building with rooms for a pharmacy, a library, offices, and rooms for volunteers and visitors is being constructed.
- A cob kitchen at the Children's Village is being constructed
- One World Children's Fund approved Regenboog as a Partner in the USA after the continuous efforts of Patricia Moran.
- Local support for the projects is increasing .



### The Impact

The impact made by the Regenboog projects was possible because of transparency, accountability, responsible staff members, and continuous monitoring of our work.

#### Cost breakdown of various services:

Treatment for one patient	- US \$0.67	(Rs.40)
One month living expenses for 1 child at Children's Village	- US \$ 72	(Rs.4,316)
Distribution of one library book	- US \$0.42	(Rs.25)
One student attending Evening School for a year	- US \$ 26	(Rs.1,537)
One student's annual tuition for higher education (in Tiruvanmalai)	- US \$ 129	(Rs.7,764)

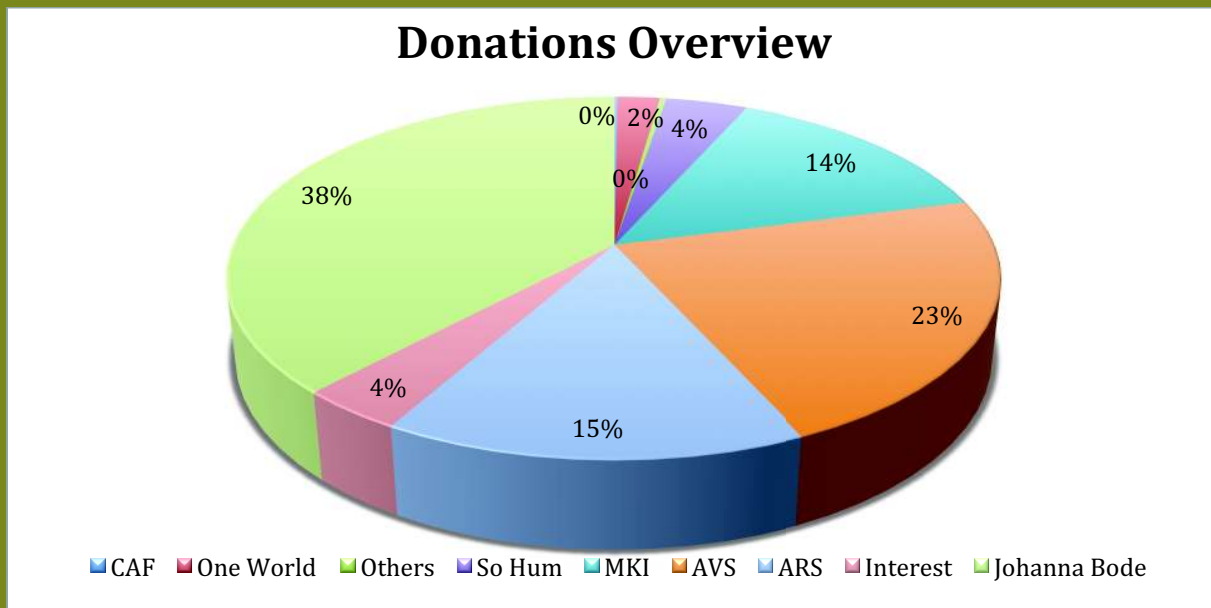




### Financial Outlook

As usual, all of our regular donors offered unconditional support in many ways. Regenboog's major support came from the institutional donors from Switzerland and USA.

VZW Johanna Bode was also a major supporter this year by providing funds for the construction of our new office that will serve as our pharmacy, library, office and volunteer housing. This was the major expense incurred in this year. Also the construction of new kitchen and a new house at the Children's Village has begun and the construction is expected to be over by May and October for the office and Children's Village.



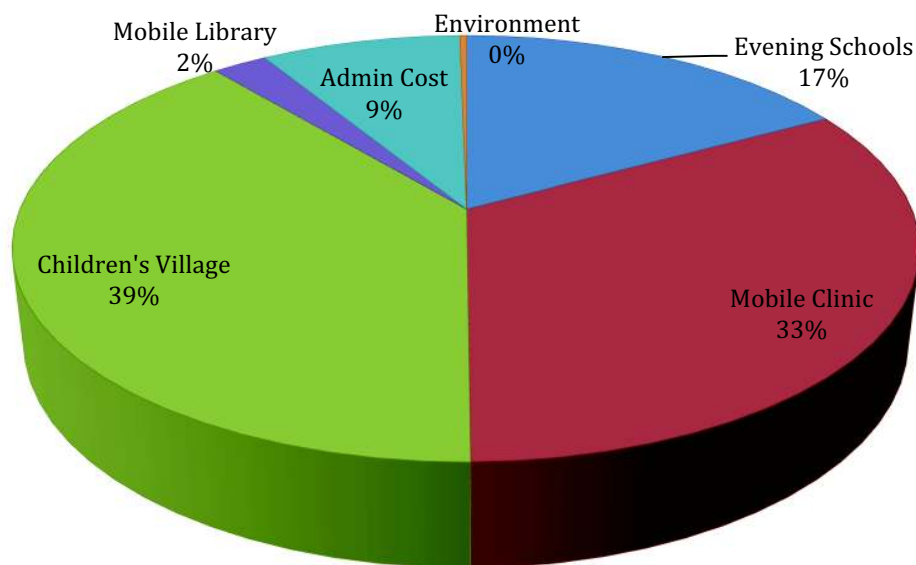
Verein ARS supported the Children's Village, Evening Schools, Mobile Library and Mobile Clinic this year. Verein AVS and So Hum Foundation also supported the Children's Village. Stichting Medische Kampen supported the mobile clinic project for the last time. Shri Jayaraman offered his generous support of Rs.2 Lacs for the Children's Village and which was the first big support we have received from a local donor.

The continuous efforts of Prof. Patricia Moran made One World Children's Fund, USA as a new supporter. So now anyone who donates to Regenboog in the US can receive a tax deduction.

### Challenges:

We regret to inform you all that Stichting Medische Kampen India is no longer supporting the Mobile Medical Clinic. This caused stress and concern since the Mobile Medical Clinic is an essential service for the people living in remote villages. Alternate steps were taken immediately to continue the project without a break. Prof. Patricia Moran and Verein Arunachala Rising Sun together played a big role in getting some support for this wonderful project. We are happy to convey our heartiest thanks to Medische Kampen India for their support in past years.

## Project Expenses



### Efforts:

Many efforts and initiatives were taken in this year related to our expenses and donations. The team did a great role in saving money from every single purchase.

- Staff members put their highest efforts to bring down the prices of everything purchased and the service providers and vendors cooperated a lot by giving good discounts
- Construction materials were purchased with excellent discounts and vendors offered their maximum cooperation to get materials at the best prices.
- From April 2014 onwards a detailed investment plan was made and through this the running cost was deposited in term deposits for various periods. This gave us a good yield of Rs.401,669 revenue to manage our administrative expenses.

*It is going to be a major challenge for Regenboog to continue to operate the Mobile Clinic. The Clinic provides more than 38,000 treatments to poor people living in remote village for less than \$30,000. We are actively pursuing new ways to fund this project and are working as a team with our major supporters to find solutions.*

### Evening schools

The reason for the Evening Schools is that children living in slum areas and remote villages do not get the support they need from their schools and families to stay in school and reach their potential. Five days a week children living in these areas gather after school at one of the Evening Schools. There they are divided into age groups and a teacher helps them learn their lessons and complete their homework. These teachers act as mothers to the children and take care of all their needs and provide encouragement in all areas of their lives. Each Evening School session starts with a prayer and then the children are asked how was their day? What lessons did they learn that day? Did they understand the lessons properly? Are there questions that teachers can answer? Any homework? So the evening



schools play a major role in the lives of these children by providing unconditional love, great care and confidence to the children so that they believe that they can also achieve in this world!!!



This year a new evening school was started in Paliyapattu village. There were 5 centers functioning in 2014-15 for more than 280 students in VOC Nagar, Adhi Sheshan Nagar and Bavaji Nagar in Tiruvannamalai, Vengikkal and Paliyapattu villages.

Apart from this, Regenboog also supported 3 Government run Forest Department Schools located in Puliur, Kizh Vilamuchi and Kovilur on the Jawadhu Hills region (where the schools don't have enough teachers) by providing teachers to those schools. This supports more than 250 students in all these three schools together by our 8 teachers.

The Evening Schools not only support the education of the students, they also serve as a place to bring personal skills to the outside world. For example, on Saturdays painting, drawing, story telling and many other activities were conducted. Also the evening schools played an important role in the children's lives by emphasizing ethics and values. The Evening Schools teach children to "help others, love others and respect others."



One challenge we faced this year was that we could not offer computer education to the students because it was difficult to find a teacher to teach computer science in the evenings. Also, we could not find a suitable bigger venue for



the VOC Nagar center since the house owners denied giving space for the Evening Schools. We are working to avoid these issues next year.

The impact of the Evening Schools on the lives of the students is positive in many ways. Although the drop out rate in these areas is high for students, virtually no students who attend the Evening Schools drop out. The encouragement to continue in school and to believe in their future success has meant that many not only finish high school but continue their schooling beyond high school. Students are passing the exams necessary to continue their education because of the support they receive from the teachers at the Evening Schools and because the Evening Schools provide students with an environment where they are able to study and succeed. It is of great benefit that these students are given the chance to believe in themselves and reach their potential.



### Mobile library

The Mobile Library project was created to make books available to children who otherwise would not have the chance to choose books to read for fun. The hope was that by making books available children would create a habit of reading that would expand their worlds, show them new areas of interest, and show them that reading is fun.

The Mobile Library visited various places Monday to Saturday and distributed books to children every fortnight. From June 2014 till January 2015 it distributed books only in the evening but from February 2015 onwards it started its services in the daytime too. During day times, the Mobile Library started serving the children studying in the Government schools and during the evening times, it visited all of the



Evening Schools, Children's Village, and a few streets in town and a village too. It opened its door to more new areas this year. We are getting good responses from everywhere and we have more requests to serve new areas but we are addressing them slowly one by one.

Whenever the children return the books, our librarian asks the children a few questions about the book that they read. This inspires the others to read that particular book. So there are many interesting stories the children tell us about the books.



*Dominik Kulsen with mobile library*



*Mobile library at work*

This was the first year for the Mobile Library and it was good start (it was inaugurated on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2013). The Mobile Library distributed 4,436 books to the children. More than 1,000 books were added in the list this year and people are starting to donate books to our Mobile Library. Mr. Dominik Kulsen, who is the supporter of this project, visited the Mobile Library and his appreciation of the work done by the library works motivated the team a lot.



*Government school students with Mobile Library*

There were some challenges we had to face. The biggest was that some schools put pressure on the children not to take books from the library because they felt the books would distract the children from the heavy load of school assignments. Also, the manual work for the entering books in the register takes a lot of time and effort. We are trying to find an affordable solution to computerize the project so that it saves lot of time and that can be used to travel to new regions to distribute books! So far the software we have found is too expensive.

The big success is that the Mobile Library distributed 4,436 books in less than 9 months time and brought so much fun, interest and joy to the kids through the amazing books!!!

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### **Educational Sponsorship Program**

This little project is making major changes in the student's lives that are supported by it. During the 2014-15 financial year, Regenboog offered support to 12 students. Out of this 12, 8 are studying in schools and 4 are studying in University education. Ulaganathan and Kiruthiga are passed the school final year with good marks 88% and 90% respectively, Loganathan scored in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year University course with 82% and Chandralekha scored 80% in her class 10 examination.

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## Mobile Medical Clinic

The Mobile Clinic was created to offer basic healthcare facilities to the people living in the rural remote villages where medical facilities do not exist. The Mobile Clinic completed its 5<sup>th</sup> year of service and it crossed the major milestone of providing 252,000 treatments since it started.



*Mobile Clinic at work...*

As usual the medical team visited villages in the plains areas Monday to Thursday in the Mobile Clinic and visited the Jawadhu Hills by a Jeep on Fridays. On Saturdays they offered treatments to the AVS School and the Children's Village. In the Jawadhu Hills region the Mobile Clinic team visited various residential schools where there are no facilities for even basic healthcare. Also, the team started visiting remote villages in the Jawadu Hills where there are no roads at all.





The Mobile Clinic traveled 15,574 km this year to provide treatments and bring smiles!



*Mobile Clinic team at Jawadhu Hills (They visit Jawadhu Hills with the Jeep)*

The Mobile Clinic faced many challenges and difficulties but never stopped serving the people. In fact, we achieved a lot during this year. The Mobile Clinic offered **38,782 medical treatments** during 2014-15 financial year, which is higher than ever!

### **Saraswathi Children's Village**

The Children's Village is a special home for female children in need of a safe place to live and study. Thirty six girls live in a joyful home atmosphere where they are provided unconditional love, good care, good education and many life skills for a better future.

Three new children joined the big family in June. The older children selected all of them after listening to descriptions and verifying their status by the staff team. 2014-15 was an important year for the Children's Village since there were many new initiatives implemented there. The older children started to learn about the management of the Children's Village and be involved in decision making. They were involved in every single activity of the village, which resulted in great changes in their attitude and increased their interest in social work. An effort to develop an organic garden and fruit orchard started with the support of Patricia Moran, Stephanie Wright and Gino Visani. Children were offered lessons in classical dance called "Bharatha Nattiyam" from June onwards, where the new teacher Jothi inspired the girls a lot.





They have performed a program in October for the public, which gave them a good confidence about their skills in dance. Yoga classes were introduced at the Children's Village with the support of Shri Govind, Yoga Teacher. This started giving good results in health and mind. Patricia and her friends taught the children lot of handicraft works such as making dolls, jewelry and cloth fabric painting, etc.



*Children's Village Campus*

It was another good year for all children with their education. Ramya and Sivasakthi passed their school final year (class 12) examinations. Ishwarya, Nirmala, and Jothilakshmi passed their high school (class 10) exams with good marks. Ramya and Jothilakshmi will be leaving the Children's Village for their higher education. The rest are going to continue their life in the Children's Village.



A major challenge that we faced this year was health issues. Luckily, all of the children are healthy and doing well now. Also the new COB kitchen (eco friendly building) construction and a new house (4<sup>th</sup> house) construction works are started in November month. First the kitchen was started and it is expected to finish in May.



*Thanks a million for all your great supports...*



#### Partners

Verein Arunachala Rising Sun, Switzerland ([www.arunachala-rising-sun.ch](http://www.arunachala-rising-sun.ch))

Verein Arunachala Village School, Switzerland ([www.village-school.ch](http://www.village-school.ch))

VZW Johanna Bode, Belgium

So Hum Foundation, USA

Friends of Regenboog, USA ([www.friendsofregenboog.com](http://www.friendsofregenboog.com))

One World Children's Fund, USA ([www.owcf.org](http://www.owcf.org))

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