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Annual Report of 2015 – 2016
(April - March)

From Madhan...

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from the Regenboog India Foundation!!!

I am so happy to share with all of you the many activities that have happened over in the last financial year.

Many great things happened in this year, which made us to forget some of the pains from the past years. Patricia Moran put much effort to raise support for the mobile medical clinic project, which gave us a great confidence to go on. Matthias Trüb (24 years) cycled all the way from Switzerland to India to raise support and that was unforgettable event of this year. This makes us so happy since it is a big dream of us to bring the basic healthcare to the people living in the remote villages.

Another big highlight was we moved to our own office campus this year (May 2015), which has given us a great space to work. There is now safe parking for the Mobile Medical Clinic and the Mobile Library and spaces for meetings as well as individual spaces for our staff. Thanks to VZW Johanna Bode and Prof. Juch Dick for their wonderful support to realize this. Apart from our regular works this year we stepped in to the flood relief works in December & January with the support of the locals, which gave us a new experience and more great people as volunteers. We feel our wings are wide spread now and can fly more...

What we could do here with the unconditional support and love of all our great donors, well wishers, staff team and beneficiaries!!! We are so grateful to every single one for their wonderful cooperation. Once again it was proved that Regenboog is a one big family and worked together for the need in the society.

Also your feedbacks, ideas and suggestions are welcome to fine tune our works always!!!

Love & Respect,
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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 2015-16

- Over 43,000 patients treated in 2015-16 (April to March) by the mobile medical clinic team.
- Over 640 students studied in 8 evening schools.
- Over 4,000 books were distributed to the children by the mobile library.
- 16 students were supported for high school education and University education.
- Great efforts put in to protect the Arunachala Hill from the plastic garbage during Deepam festival.
- 37 girls are living happily in the children's village.
- Together with the local people's support, Regenboog delivered the aid relief to many victims of the flood in Tamilnadu during December – January.
- A new house was constructed at the children's village.



The Impact

As usual Regenboog took so much efforts and made it possible the following impact. It was always keeping everything with great transparency, accountability, team work and continuous monitoring of our work.

Cost breakdown of various services:

Treatment for one patient	- ₹ 36	(US \$0.56)
One month living expenses for 1 child at Children's Village	- ₹ 3,771	(US \$58)
Distribution of one library book	- ₹ 35	(US \$0.54)
One student attending Evening School for a year	- ₹ 1,330	(US \$21)

Impact of the works carried over in 2015-16 explained project wise in the following pages.

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 also the five evening schools functioned in Paliyapattu, VOC Nagar, AdhiSheshan Nagar and Bavaji Nagar and Vengikkal. All together in these five centers supported 332 students in 2015-16.



Apart from this, Regenboog also supported 3 Government Forest Department Schools located in Puliyur, Kizh Vilamuchi and Kovilur in the Jawadhu Hills region by providing teachers. In this way we support more than 300 students in all these three schools together by our 8 teachers.

Our big challenge this year was at Bavaji Nagar school. It was closed after February 1st week because the house owner asked us to leave the place immediately. We tried our level best to convince him to let us stay but nothing helped. So we have shut down this evening school temporarily. This is a painful decision for us since we couldn't help the children during their school finals.

There are many great efforts taken in the evening schools this year. Children are given more opportunities to express their skillset to the outside, which gave them good confidence. The impact of this project is zero dropout in this academic year and all are continuing their education.

Mobile library

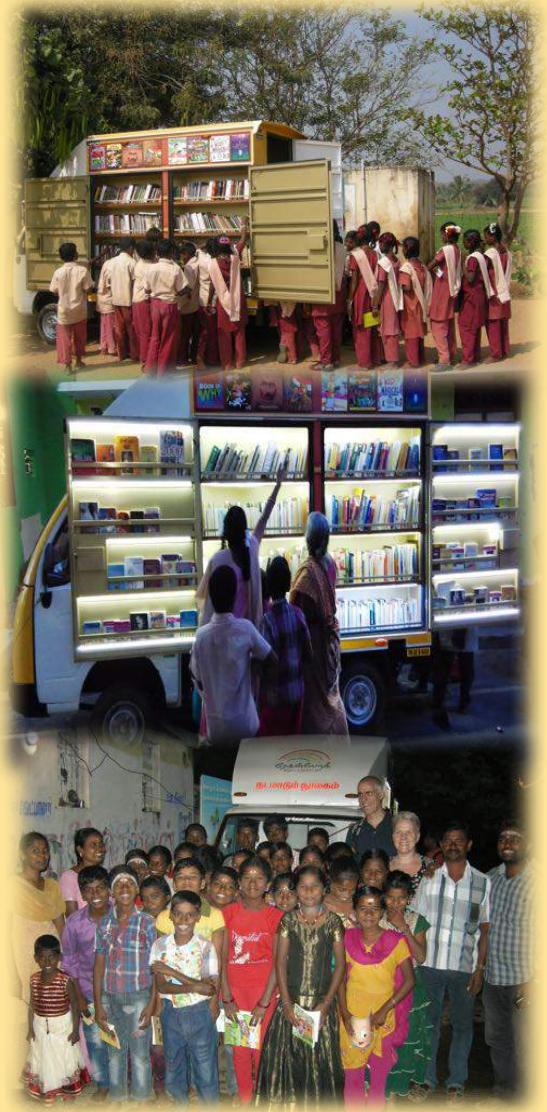
The Mobile Library project was created to make books available to children who otherwise would not have the chance to choose books to read for fun. The hope was that by making books available children would create a habit of reading that would expand their worlds, show them new areas of interest, and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

The Mobile library delivered more than 5,000 books to the children in this year and the outreach of this project was expanded widely. Many requests came from different areas and it was addressed properly. Also from this year onwards, mobile library services started in the morning times for the Government school students. It was tried out as a trial basis and became a big success. So nowadays the mobile library delivers library books to the students of Vedyappanur, Aanaipiranthan and Kolapadi Government high schools.

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. Mobile library was computerized in October and this was a big relief for us. Since it saves lot of time and energy, now we could able to visit more places.

We had some difficult times in this year with the staff of the mobile library project, which was a major setback. But it was recovered soon and we found an alternate one sooner and the project retrieved quickly from the challenging times.

The big successes in this year was that we were able to distribute over 4,000 books, we started providing books to the Government schools, and the entire operation is completely computerized in this year. Also the total books count crossed the mark of 4,000 books. The Mobile library team was appreciated a lot by the Government school teachers for their service since they already started experiencing the improvement in the reading ability!!!



Educational Sponsorship Program

Educational sponsorship program is created to support the students who are in need of support to continue their school education and higher education. In this year support was offered to 16 students from the poor family background. Students were carefully selected after the field visit. 8 students were supported for school education and 8 were supported for University and Technical courses. Ulaganathan, who was the student of our evening school passed class 12 and got the admission for Nursing course. Ramya is from our children's village project, who is studying in visual communication course in Chennai. Viswanathan, who is also an ex children's village child, now admitted in Civil engineering course.



Mobile Medical Clinic

Mobile medical clinic project is initiated to offer basic healthcare to the people living in rural remote village without any medical facilities. It was started in 2010 and a complete small clinic was set up on a big truck, which visits many remote villages Monday to Friday. A special team of an experienced doctor, two nurses, a pharmacist and a driver cum social worker



work together in this project. The mobile medical clinic visits Monday-Thursday at plain area villages and on Fridays the team visits the nearby hill region called "Jawadhu Hills" by a jeep.

This year the mobile clinic started offering health education lessons too. Also the reach of the mobile clinic was extended to a few new villages.

The district social welfare officer requested our support for a big school on the Jawadhu hills to provide medical facilities once in a month and also she requested for a special camp at the district Collector's office during the old age people during international aged people's day. During the camp the district collector appreciated the mobile clinic service and encouraged us to go on.

From May 2015 onwards, the pharmacy was moved to the new office building. Medical treatment for villagers is now offered at the office building every Saturday (morning time). This new service has been well received by the villagers living in the area.

During 2015-16 financial year the mobile clinic offered medical treatment to 43,012 patients at their doorsteps by travelling 16,531 km totally in this year!!!

Sarasvathi Children's Village

The Children's Village is a special home for girl children in need of a safe place to live for a better future. 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 have now joined the family, one is reintegrated with her mother and one girl joined a professional course in Chennai. There are 37 girl children are living in the children's village as of March 2016. All of them are continuing their education, 13 children are at primary school, 22 children are at high school and two girls are studying University courses. Also the children are offered classical dance & music lessons during the week ends. They learned many craft works from Patricia Moran and her involvement with the children brought a big change in them. Their creativity and learning ability was boosted by the efforts of Patricia Moran and she came up with many new ideas for them and which was simply moved the children a lot!!! Jeroen Jansen offered the basic computer lessons to the staff and older kids, which they loved so much.

With the support of Jürg Weber Foundation and AVS Switzerland, we built a new house at the children's village campus. This is a big step and allows the children and staff more comfortable living space. Also the cob kitchen was finished and we started using them now. A big organic garden was established at the children's village campus and kids are so enthusiastic in learning the organic farming there.

As usual the older children involved in the management of the children village at every single level. Older children together with the staff have involved in the budget making, staff recruitment and children selection processes. This gave them a big confidence in their life and also it became an opportunity to get good leadership ability.

The major challenge that we faced this year was with finding the right staff members. This was a major setback and finally we could able to manage to find them. This caused many problems in the management of the children's village but it was managed well.

2015-16 is the year of having all our big supporters together at the Children's Village and all other projects too.



Flood Relief Works

During December 2015, there were heavy rains in North Tamilnadu, which caused so many problems in the common people's life. Regenboog's team got involved in the flood relief works together with the support of locals for three weeks in Cuddalore and Maduranthagam areas. With the great support of Mr.Chandrasekaran of Arya Vysya Samaj, we could use the marriage hall as a collection point for the relief materials. Employees of Canara bank, associations and many private people supported our works by offering food materials, water bottles, clothe, bed sheets, medicines, milk powders and the same was distributed in Cuddalore and Maduranthagam areas. Sakthi, Prabhu, Aravindan and Giri headed the complete operations and made it possible with the support of more than 50 volunteers from Tiruvannamalai and Bangalore. This flood relief works gave us a whole new experience and brought many likeminded people together as one team in Tiruvannamalai.



Office Campus

For 9 years we struggled without an office for Regenboog. We did not have a place for meetings or to keep files and other materials. Also for the pharmacy, we needed a place to store medicines and then only we can obtain drug license from the government. Somehow we managed 9 years without a proper office setup because all these times we have focused only on the project's field requirements and we were very sure about that we wanted to full fill the basic things of the projects and then only the office campus. So finally with the help of Prof Juch Dick and VZW Johanna Bode (Belgium), we were able to realize a beautiful office campus including space for the library books, pharmacy, small kitchen and two rooms for the guests and volunteers and a big vegetable garden. The entire campus is solar powered and has an organic vegetable garden that was established for the children's village vegetable requirements. The Office was inaugurated on 5th May 2015 by the older children of the children's village and the doors opened for medical treatments during Saturdays at the office campus too. It was big relief for every one and now we could able to work peacefully with the basic facilities at this office!!! We are so grateful to Prof Juch Dick, Johanna Bode, Arunachala Rising Sun, Arunachala Village School for their wonderful support to realize this beautiful campus!!!



Environment Awareness

This year also Regenboog took part to prevent the forest fire during the time of Deepam festival at Tiruvannamalai. Year by year, more volunteers joining us in this work and we also participated in the hill cleaning work right after the Deepam festival together with the volunteers and the children's village older kids. Also the team helped in forest fire fighting works on the hill together with the others.

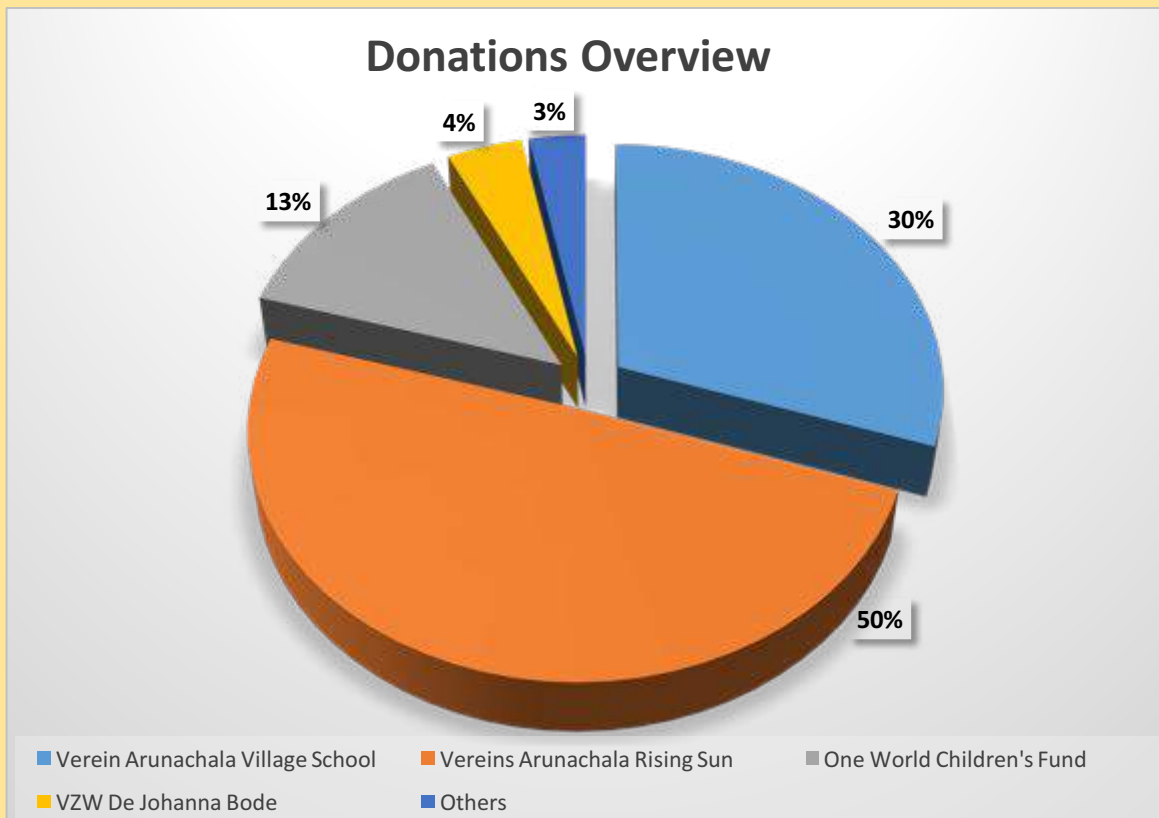


Financial Outlook

2015-16 financial year was peaceful and it gave a new breath to us financially.

Verein Arunachala Rising Sun (ARS) contributed and supported 100% of Evening schools, Mobile Library, Higher education sponsorship program and 50% of Children's village and partially to Mobile medical clinic project too. Verein Arunachala Village School supported 50% of the children's village and also for the new house in there. Both organizations organized many fundraising meetings and events in Switzerland in October-November 2015 and it also turned a successful one.

Prof. Patricia Moran made One World Children's Fund, USA as a new supporter and she could able to raise the budget amount of the mobile clinic in June 2015 via an online global fundraising campaigning. This was our first effort to raise support at global level and it turned very well and we could able to raise the support for the mobile medical clinic project. Matthias Trüb travelled from Switzerland to India by his bicycle together with his father Thomas Trüb to raise support for the mobile clinic project and evening schools. This was a big success in Switzerland and able to get good support for both projects and gave us a chance to have new donors there.

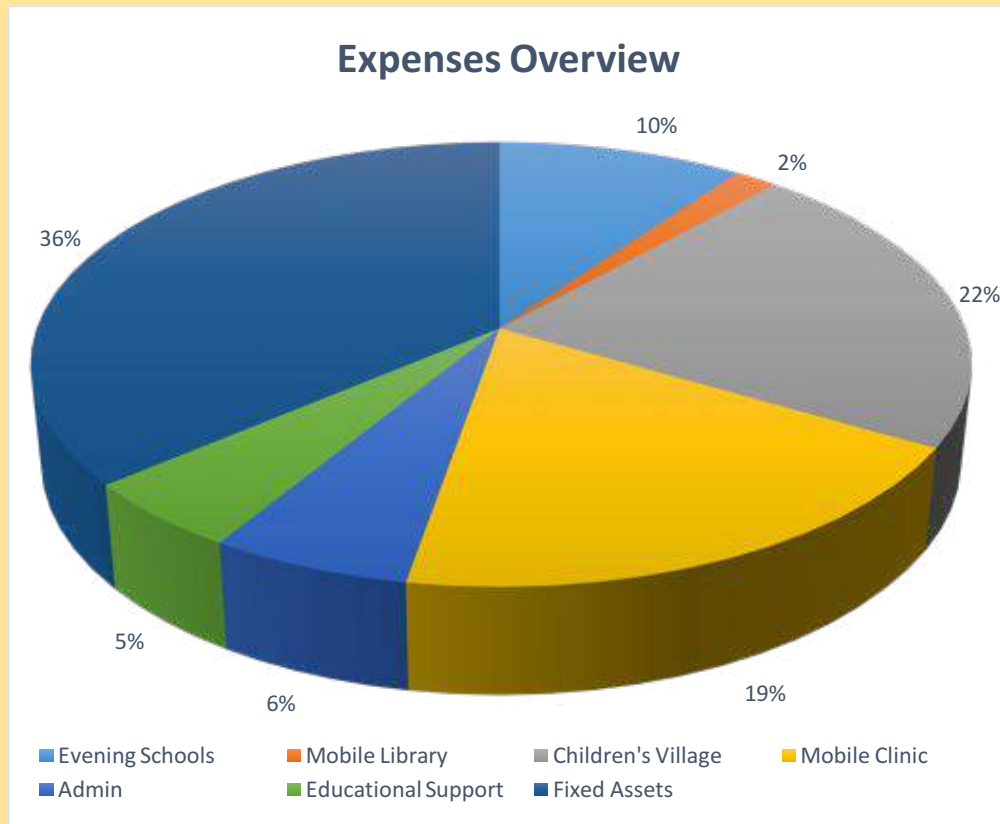


Challenges:

Still the support for the mobile medical clinic was not a sustainable one and this is always a fear. It was a big challenge to finish the office campus and to provide the basic facilities like furniture and equipment. But after a careful planning and cost saving efforts, we were able to do this.

Efforts:

As usual there were so many efforts put in this year related to our expenses and donations. Negotiations and bargaining was made for every single purchase and that saved a lot of money, which helped us to stay lower than our budget figures. 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. This reflected a lot on the new house construction at the children's village campus, which was a great example of cost saving.



Finding of local supporters has reached some good level in this year. Saravanan, Sakthi, Rakesh and his friends started supporting the children’s village regularly with bathing soaps, rice, personal hygiene.

During the time of flood relief works people showered their unconditional support on us by offering material support to help the flood victims. This support was totally unexpected from our home town but has shown us a complete new way.

Also the local fundraising support was started among the known circles, which is started giving good results now. We are planning to achieve at least 5% of the whole budget in next financial year.

Conclusion

This past year saw exciting new changes for Regenboog India. Our new office building has brought about many improvements in the way we are able to operate. A fourth house at the Children's Village gives more room for everyone and enables us to offer housing to a few more girls. The cob kitchen in the Children's Village is now completed and is being used. The Mobile Clinic offered free medical treatments to more people than ever before. And our Mobile Library expanded the number of books and the number of children it reaches. With all of these exciting changes come more ideas of how to improve our services and expand to help even more people in need. We look forward to the coming year!



*Our fondest thanks to all
our supporters for being
a reason for many
smiles here...*



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