



Association for Health Welfare in the Nilgiris

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The vision of ASHWINI is to have a Health System for the tribals of the Gudalur Valley that is accessible, acceptable and owned by the community. ASHWINI was registered as a Charitable Society in 1990.

We are proud to say that we are well on our way to achieving this dream. The infrastructure of the 50 bed Gudalur Adivasi Hospital is mostly in place, with more than 50 tribal staff playing key roles in the running of the Health Program. The majority of the ASHWINI Society members are from the tribal community and there is significant participation and volunteering of the community members in many aspects of the program.

The Gudalur Adivasi Hospital

Some Hospital statistics			
Hospital beds	50	Deliveries	236
OP- Total	36,833	Surgeries - Total	327
Tribal	12,743	Major	116
Non Tribal	24,090	Minor	211
Dental Op	1,710	Lap surgeries	10
IP - Total	2,102	X rays	1,850
Tribal	1,650	Audiometric Tests	24
Non Tribal	452	Endoscopies	286
Referrals for tertiary care	87	Ultrasonograms	2,307

The Hospital witnessed considerable activity this year. The continued support of volunteer doctors helped increase the services provided. Ultrasound, Endoscopy & X rays units were well utilised. A Screening Program for cancer of the cervix and breast was started. 1,290 patients were screened. There was no cancer of the breast; but in the tribal community itself, four early cervical cancers were detected.

The Blood Bank license was obtained and it has started

functioning. Many more complicated surgeries were performed this year, thanks to visiting specialist doctors, good operating rooms and equipment. The Disability Centre has registered 208 clients and has distributed 14 hearing aids so far.

The Community Health Programme

The health indicators have improved this year. Malnutrition in children continues to be a problem. Alcoholism in the community is affecting children the most and unless this is addressed, it is likely that the health of the children will continue to deteriorate.

More than 90% of the deliveries took place in an Institution this year; maternal care has overall improved.

The presence of tribal counsellors in the PHCs has greatly improved the utilisation of the PHC services by tribals. Counsellors work with the ASHWINI team and report to them. This has helped to improve the confidence of the tribals in accessing the Government health system.

A survey on the prevalence of diabetes in the community was carried out. The results of the analysis are awaited.

Statistics of the Community Health Programme	
Total tribal deliveries	297
Deliveries in hospital	92%
Antenatals with >3 Check ups	94%
No of children whose growth was monitored (94% of all)	1172
Normal weight	51%
Moderate malnutrition	42%
Severe malnutrition	7%
Children immunised at 2 yrs of age	95%
Children immunised at 3yrs of age	98%
Couple protection rate	67%

No of patients seen in area centres	7,344
No of patients seen in Govt. PHCs with tribal counsellor	12,140
No of screening for Sickle Cell	517
No of new patients detected with sickle cell disease	19
No. of Sickle Cell Disease under treatment	281
No of patients with TB on Rx	20
No of patients screened for HIV	1,476
No of patients Screened for cervical cancer	1,290
No of patients with chronic diseases	751
No of Chronic patients under regular medication	615
IMR/1000 Live Births	28.1
Maternal deaths	1
No of health volunteers	202

Training programmes:

11 new students enrolled for the various courses (Nursing, Pharmacy, Lab technician, Office and Accounting) conducted by the hospital.

2 students successfully completed the 2 years Lab Technician diploma course and 1 student the Nurse Anaesthetist course at Jeyasekharan Hospital in Nagercoil and have joined as staff at GAH.

Two tribal girls from the Paniya community got admission for B Pharm and Physiotherapy courses respectively. They are being supported by scholarships under The Poristes Grant. One boy has joined the Computer Diploma course in Bangalore

Many students from universities abroad, CMC Vellore, TISS Mumbai, Martin Luther Christian University Shillong and other colleges spent time

at ASHWINI doing internship or elective work. The feedback from the students has been very positive.

Government programmes

The “Bed Grant” and Sickle Cell programs continue under TNHSP. Village level screening for Sickle Cell disease, also under TNHSP, has been completed and presently testing is limited to newborns and OP&IP patients, who missed the village screening,. Free treatment for the Sickle Cell patients is being provided.

Staff

Dr Renita, a surgeon spent part of the last year at GAH. We had many volunteers helping -. Dr Kathryn, a General Practitioner from UK, Dr Robert and Dr.Isabella, Gynaecologists from Switzerland, spent a year with us. Ms Jodi developed the garden and did some fabulous landscaping. Sathiya, who was earlier employed by TANSACS, joined the ASHWINI team as counsellor. Other newcomers are Geethu, a Bsc Nurse, Saritha and Lakshmi, lab technicians and seven students who completed training here.

Staff	Male	Female	Salary Rs	Male	Female
Tribal	10	40	<5000	0	0
Non tribal	7	19	5000-	6	31
Highest salary: Rs. 56442 per month for senior doctor.			10000-25000	7	24
Lowest salary: Rs 5200 per month for maintenance staff.			>25000	4	4

Details of the ASHWINI Board				
Name	Position	No of meetings attended	Remuneration	There was no international travel by board members or staff of ASHWINI
Ms Janaki	President	3	Nil	
Mr. K.T.Subramanian	Secretary	3	Nil	
Mr. T.K.Ayyappan	Treasurer	3	Nil	

Funding Support

The Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust's support to meet deficit funding for the hospital continued this year.

A corpus fund of Rs 15 million has also been set

up by NRTT to fund this in the long term.

The Cognizant Foundation, India gave a grant to procure the equipment for a Blood Components Bank. Poristes Stiftung continues to support the Training Programs.

AID Pittsburg supported part of the costs for the Training Program.

ATMA (American Tamil Medical Association) continued their support provided equipment for the ICU.

The Government reimbursed the costs of In-patient care for tribals as well as the Sickle Cell Program.

The UK charity “From Here to There”, Tribal India Health Foundation and Vidyalaya.org in the US continue to support us.

Significant donations were given by some of our friends this year. Many individual donors have also been supporting us through GIVE India.

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE SUSTAINED SUPPORT!

Donations in India are exempt from income tax under section 80G of the income tax act. Money can be transferred directly to our account in SBI, Gudalur (ASHWINI, A/c No 11317309532, IFSC Code: SBIN 0001016).
 In USA, Tax deductible donations can be made by check to Vidyalay.org Foundation Inc and mailed to Ms.Asmita Shendye, 35 Meyer Drive, Clifton, NJ 07012 Or
 By online donation through Tribal India Health Foundation (TIHF), C/o Hari Prabhakar, 6407 Wrenwood Drive, Dallas, TX 75252.
 In the UK, Gift aid can be a benefit if donations are sent to Account name: From Here To There, Sort Code: 30-65-92, Account number: 16621468. Email: friendsofgudalur@gmail.com.

Financial Statement for the Year 2014-15

Balance Sheet		Income & Expenditure Statement	
Assets as on	March 31/2015	Income for the year ended on	March31/2015
Fixed assets	97310654	Earned/ Self generated income	9685456
Investments	19836793	Donations from Indian sources	1027222
Loans and advances	277385	Grants from Indian sources	21197280
Cash and bank balances	2284702	Donations from International sources	490382
Total Assets	119709535	Grants from International sources	7509376
Liabilities as on	31/03/2015	Other income	2803948
Society funds	78160941	Total Income	42713665
General fund (unrestricted fund)	3057406	Expenditure for the year ended on	31/03/2015
Corpus fund	16220480	Programme	20741679
Restricted/ Earmarked funds	2225539	Public education/Training/ fundraising	1825804
Current liabilities and provisions	20045169	Management and administration	2082998
Total Liabilities	119709535	Other expenses	7632473
		Total Expenditure	32282955
		Excess of Income over Expenditure	10430711

Receipts for the year ended on	31/03/2015	Payments for the year ended on	31/03/2015
Opening Cash and Bank Balance	2199781	Capital purchased for the organisation	15692983
Earned/ Self generated income	7659641	Purchase of investments	27549800
Donations from Indian sources	463000	Loans and advances	13428401
Grants from Indian sources	3661919	Other payments	26550813
Donations from International sources	341651	Total Payments	83221997
Grants from International sources	7509376	Closing cash and bank balance	2284702
Sale of investments/ assets	25857085	Method of Accounting: - Cash Basis, Fixed Assets are stated at historical cost, Depreciation is provided on Assets under Written Down Value Method, Receipts and Payments out of Earmarked fund account is directly accounted in Balance Sheet.	
Loans/Advances	14744673		
Other receipts	23069575		
Total Receipts	85506700		