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About Nisarga

Established in the year 1997, Nisarga Foundation is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the socio-economic empowerment of indigenous and marginalized communities in Karnataka. Based in the tribal area of Heggadadevana Kote (HD Kote) Taluk of Mysore district, the Foundation started as a response to the oppression of local Adivasis who were displaced and dispossessed by dams, National Parks and encroaching urban developments in this region.

To promote the holistic development of tribal and marginalized communities, we work across various development areas including health and nutrition; education; women empowerment; community development; environment; tribal art and culture; and advocacy. We also implement various programmes in collaboration with government departments and development organisations at Taluk and District levels, including Sarva Siksha Abhiyana (SSA), National Child Labour Project (NCLP) and Integrated Tribal Development Programme (ITDP).

Adivasi Susthira Abhivruddhi Yojane program:

Adivasi Susthira Abhivruddhi Yojana is a right based, community based project with duration of 3 years funded by Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, Bangalore. The main aim of the project is to achieve 100% implementation of Forest Rights Act-2006, (Individual and Community rights) in 20 Hadis and make tribal people sustainable with the natural resources. To enable the tribals to understand their rights with awareness on Govt facilities, Schemes, Legal training, promoting sustainable harvest, enabling Grama Sabha and Forest Rights committee to function regularly, Capacity building of Grama Sabha, formation of Taluk Grama Sabha Vedike, followup and meeting with SDLC, DLC committee for obtaining IFR and CFR. During this quarterly program was inaugurated with Taluk Adivasi Gramasabha Vedike members. House hold survey has been conducted in 20 Hadi. We couldn't work too much in the field. Gramasabha was conducted in Goluru Hadi, Annuru chikkere Hadi, Hunasekupee Hadi, Bommalapura Hadi, Bheemanahalli, Kunteri and Majjanakuppe Hadi.



COVID Relief work:

Supported by Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, Bangalore:

During the 2nd wave of COVID pandemic lockdown Nisarga Foundation has help 1000 indigenous families with a dry ration kit worth of Rs. 1500 which included day to day essentials masks, sanitary pads etc.

Nisarga Foundation has been working in indigenous community by creating awareness on the following along with dry ration kits distribution.

- a. **Awareness** on awareness on CVOID pandemic, importance of wearing facial masks, frequent hand wash, maintaining social distance, using medicinal herbs in the food, preparing nutritional food using locally available food grains and vegetables, importance of Hadi sanitation and awareness.

- b. **Awareness on Vaccination:**

Creating awareness on vaccination. Our volunteers are helping out the Asha workers making sure that all the 45+ years people of Indigenous community have taken COVID vaccination.

- c. **Ensuring Job card of MGNREGA:**

Ensuring indigenous community people have received job card under MGNREGA and gets work related water and soil conservation.

- d. **Nutritional security by establishing kitchen garden:**

Community is contemplating to grow different kind of vegetables in their own premises so that they can counter such crisis not depending on outside intervention.

With the help of APPPI, Bangalore we have provided dry ration kits to 1000 families in Herrehalli Hadi, Majjanakuppe Hadi, Kunter Hadi, Annuru Chikkere Hadi, Sonalli Hadi, G M Halli Hadi, Metikuppe Hadi, Kere Hadi, Malada Hadi, Marana Hadi, Hunasekuppe Hadi Lakshmipura Hadi of H D Kote Taluk, Mysuru District.



Inauguration of dry ration kits distribution program by Taluk Magistrate Mr. Naragunda:

The program of dry ration kit distribution was inaugurated by Taluk Magistrate Mr. Naragunda, at GM Halli hadi on 1st June 2021 with the able stewardship of Mr. Nanjundaiah, Director of Nisarga Foundation. Taluk Magistrate appreciated Nisarga Foundation for the support providing to Adivasi people during corona pandemic 2nd wave crisis. Magistrate also appreciated the food system and health of the indigenous community. He proudly said that there are no reported COVID cases from tribal hamlets.

Mr. Anil Chikkamadu, MLA of H D Kote took part in distribution of dry ration kits:

On the 5th June 2021, 4th day of dry ration kits distribution, Mr. Anil Chikkamadu, MLA of Heggada Devana Kote took part in the event at Marana Hadi.



Nisarga Board appreciates Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, Bangalore for their generous support. It was a in timely and great support for the indigenous communities. Adivasi people are very happy to receive the support.

Supported by Kluber Lubrication, Bangalore:

With the help of Kluber Lubrication, Bangalore we have provided dry ration kits consisting of lentils, wheat flour, spices, salt, edible oil, nutritional biscuits, jaggery, tea powder, washing and bath soap, tooth paste, sanitary pads and masks to family items to 500 families in Bheemanahalli Hadi, K Yedathore Hadi, Prabhanagara Hadi, Yelehundi Hadi, Bhudanooru Hadi, Aralikatte Hadi, Padukote Hadi, Manti Hadi of H D Kote Taluk, Mysuru District.



Ration kits distribution at Bheemanahalli Hadi

During the dry ration kits distribution Mr. Anand, Circle Inspector of H D Kote Taluk, Mr. Nanjundaiah, Executive Director of Nisarga Foundation, Mr. Nataraju, Budakattu Krushikara Sangana Leader, Mr. Umesh Nooralakuppe, Jeevika Organisation, Mr. Swamy, President, Annuru Grama Panchayath, Mr.



Manjunath, PDO, Bheemanahalli Panchayath and Nisarga Foundation staffs were present.



Nisarga Board members express sincere thanks to Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, Bangalore and Kluber Lubrication for their generous support. And we also express our heartfelt thanks to CSR team for selecting Nisarga Foundation for this COVID relief work.

Special Thanks to:

We are thankful to one of the well wisher of our organisation Mrs. Anita Juel, Denmark, for providing 400 facial masks for indigenous community children. Special regards to Mr. Alexander Brownie, Mrs. Catherine Juel.

Nisarga Board Members:

Board members are the core drivers of an organization. They set the direction of the organization for years to come. They constitute the board, a collective body that governs the non-profit, guide the organization to work towards its mission and vision. Active involvement of the board can definitely fuel the growth, more importantly so in the case of grass-root NGOs like Nisarga Foundation. Our Board members have played a crucial role in resource mobilization, to bring in resources to fuel the functioning of Nisarga Foundation, bringing a sense of responsibility towards it, and utilizing their skills, expertise, donors list, experience and goodwill to benefit Nisarga Foundation.

We thank our beloved Mr. M V N Rao, President of Nisarag Foundation for his spontaneous ideas and efforts for Nisarga Foundation's development activities. With his idea and all board members support recently we have started Nisarga Corpus funds. We are grateful to Mr. Kishore Udiaver, Board member of Nisarga Foundation for mobilizing resources from smokers club for Nisarga Development activities. We thank all the board members in shaping up the activities, reports, correcting project proposals and other activities. We are also thankful for Dr. Gerry Pais, Senior social worker, consultant for help us in evaluating and giving feedback of Spirulina nutrition supplement program activities.

You can help us secure the future of indigenous communities displaced from their native lands and deprived of their livelihood, indigenous communities face oppression, neglect and exploitation. At Nisarga Foundation, we strive to empower them by giving them access to their rights, education, healthcare and livelihood. Donate now. Help us ensure dignified life and promising future for indigenous and under served communities.

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