

Amici News

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Love is sharing others feelings:

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Greetings to you,

The start of the year 2013 became very crucial – Keeping in view our responsibilities at AIFO – Regional office Bangalore took up extra activities to increase the visibility of our operations, inviting people to share their social responsibilities and initiate their participation right from common person to corporate's. It was becoming a herculean task to manage the programme, which was seeking more attention for funds – which seemed to need more to reach underserved population in need of opportunity.

The Biennial meeting was decided to be held at with advancement from the usual to mid- year, Ms Franchesca Orthali made it possible to attend the crucial meeting, along with Dr.Renato from Liberia to carry out workshops to improve, understand the future operations of Partner's of AIFO. Mr.David Murray participated as an expert highlighting the role of individual social responsibility and initiation of local resources to support the programmes.

The Bangalore Marathon – 10 Km's run and international event was taken as an easy event for AIFO staff in Bangalore, each and every one participated in the "maza run" completing successfully the stipulated 5Kms, Veterans Dr. Prasad from our Amici Trust, Dr.Micheal extended their warm support, along with Dr. Partheban, Ms Jayashree, family members of Mrs Lucy, Mrs Mahalaxmi amma, Mr. Krishna, participants from Sumanahalli and young talents from Music and Metals – Mr. Tamizh and Mr. Durga – who took up the challenge of running the full marathon of 10K, while other members joining the maza run. It was a learning experience, The Italian Chamber of Commerce; South Indian Bank had provided a long helpful hand in supporting the "Run for a Cause" – Liberation from Leprosy.

Regular on job tours was carried on to the most underserved areas – North Eastern States of India – Assam, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh. Reconstructive surgery is being planned to be carried out during the month of August, for which enormous efforts was carried out in collecting list of cases for surgery, screening, motivating along with follow-up of cases which was operated earlier. The Central Leprosy Division had handed the responsibility to develop IEC (Information Education and Communication) Guidelines to AIFO, which the work is in progress. Networking with ILEP members takes its regular importance, attending to ILEP and NLEP review meetings (Endemic and Non Endemic States). Dr. Samuel Michael had joined as AIFO/ILEP Karnataka State Coordinator (NLEP-Consultant- Karnataka). He was introduced to the programme following visits to Kolar and Gulbarga districts.

Bangalore Marathon 2013-A success for AIFO



Dear all

With all your wishes, I am happy for that I successfully finished 4.3 KMs Bangalore Marathon 2013 with an attendant. My Bib number-17683 in the category, champion with disability.

It was a delightful experience of running with 526 other persons having different disabilities in the CWD category who ran for different causes. There was only one voice that I could hear during my run- people were-come on run, come on run, run, run!!

It was my first experience; it was bit difficult; My attendant Puttappa was superb guide; people were encouraging; volunteers were cheering for AIFO; There was lot of fun; It was a good learning curve and I have enjoyed.

My run was to raise resources for AIFO!! It was to increase AIFO's visibility!! It was for the cause of leprosy!! Many people were enquiring with me about leprosy, such as is it still there in India? Is it curable? Is there treatment for leprosy? Etc. All were well briefed on leprosy.

A Big thanks to India Italy Chamber of Commerce and Industries, South Indian Bank, Bangalore care and others for their constant support and contributions. Also special thanks to my friends and colleagues for their help and encouragement.

It was a successful campaign for AIFO India!!

"RUN FOR THE WORLD WITHOUT LEPROSY"

Dr. Jayanth Kumar Y.B.

Community Based Developmental Management Workshop



Dr. Jayanth Kumar from AIFO participated in a 5 days workshop titled community based development management workshop from 25 Feb to 1st March 2013 organized by Mobility India. Ramesh from SRMAB also participated in the same event and he helped me in reading lot of training materials.

The workshop was a good opportunity, a good learning experience, a good revision and it was also an update on visualisation of some of my thoughts on project management issues. The learning will help us in better management of the project activities, proposal development, organising training, monitoring, evaluation, for budgeting as well as for fund raising activities.

Local Fund Raising workshop for Malavalli Project

Two days workshop was conducted for the Taluk coordinators of Malavalli project on understanding the Partnership and collaboration – co funding, local fund raising methods and strategies. Dr. Jayanth kumar, Dr. Jose, Masterjee, M U Joseph and Malavalli coordinators, Arathi from SRMAB facilitated the discussions. The main objective of the workshop was to identify methods and Strategies for local fund raising (LFR activities). As a result of two days deliberations, several opportunities were identified as LFR activities. For example, the Bangalore marathon, resource alliance networking, local Banks, getting the benefit of 35/AC, 80/G tax exemptions, training opportunities, organizing events for LF

AIFO CBR and DPO promotions in Projects

In AIFO supported CBR projects, Self-help Groups (SHGs) play a central role and these SHGs are seen as starting point of DPOs at community level. SHG representatives play a crucial role in setting up of DPOs at block level and thus create a chain of information from state level DPOs up to the communities. These kind of SHGs and DPOs/federations are promoted by AIFO through the partner organisations in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and other states across India.

An Example of Mandya CBR programmes where such DPOs are promoted by AIFO and its partners (SRMAB-MOB) is given here:

Taluk (Sub-district) level DPOs in areas under MOB CBR project

Taluk name	DPO name	Total members	Year of initiation
Mandya taluk	Dr.Sir M.Vishvesvariah angavikalara Kshema abhivirudhi okkotta	120	2003
Srirangapatna	Sri vinayaka angavikalara Kshema abhivirudhi okkotta	115	2005
Pandavapura	Sri laxmi narayana angavikalara Kshema abhivirudhi okkotta	45	2011
Nagamangala	Sri basaveshvara ankavikalara shema abiviruthi okkotta	52	2011
Mandya district	Sri Navajyothi vikala chetanara okkotta	600	2006
Total		932	

Taluk (Sub-district) level DPOs in areas under SRMAB CBR project

Ramnagara taluk	Arakavathy angavikalara Kshema abdiviruthi sanga	341	2000
Maddur	Spurthi angavikalara Kshema abhivirudhi sanga	118	2003
Chanapatna	Swabimani angKavikalara shema abhivirudhi sanga	286	2004
Malavalli	Sri keerthi angavikalara Kshema abhivrudhi sanga	272	1998
KR Pate	Chitanya angavikalara Kshema abhivrudhi sanga	158	2005
Ramnagar district	Jilla anga vikalara okkotta, Ramnagara	30	2007
Total		1205	

CBR workers Training programme facilitated in Liberia

This visit was organised for the AIFO India CBR coordinator to facilitate CBR training sessions for the workers of AIFO-NCD National CBR programme in Liberia. The overall objective of the training course is to equip the participants with basic knowledge, skills and appropriate attitude to address the rehabilitation issues of persons with disabilities through CBR approach. It was organised at Gbarnga town (Bong County) and 8 days training sessions were facilitated by the Coordinator. Mr. Luther Mendin, AIFO Liberia Regional Coordinator, was the Co-facilitator and he was supporting the sessions well. Besides the training course, there were other important events also organised by the AIFO Country Director (Dr. Renato Libanora) such as the press conference, meeting with NCD staff, meeting with national DPO members and radio programmes.

Workshop on how to seek support

Jayanth and Patrick participated in a workshop titled “how to seek support”. The workshop was organised by iVolunteer in Bangalore on 24th of July 2013. It was a highly customized training session on “How to seek support from Donors - The strategy” on various skills to help increase participants efficiency. The Resource Person Volunteered for this session would be Mr Vijay Ladha, who is a Chartered Accountant and first generation Entrepreneur running his business for 30 years. He is also spearheading the Bangalore Division of Make A Wish Foundation of India since 2008. Vijay has been a Rotarian for 20 years and has worked on various services and avenues with Rotary.

A broad agenda of the workshop: Fund raising- as it is now? What are the other mechanisms for seeking support? Whom to approach for seeking support? Why and what makes a person or organisation support an NGO or a cause? What can we do to help the donor decide to support/ donate? How to prepare talking points and customise the request for support? And Open discussion for each participating NGOs on their current support needs.

The workshop gave both of us an opportunity to think about the material resources which can be mobilized for different purposes. Moreover, it was a good learning platform to visualize on techniques of seeking support by using different methods as part of fund raising processes.

Review Meetings – AIFO participation:



Endemic States Regional Review Meeting at Jabalpur – Madhya Pradesh 21st – 22nd March 2013



A regional Review meeting for the State Leprosy Officers (SLO) from Non- Endemic districts took place at Chandigarh, during which the SLO's, Regional Directors, Central Leprosy Division, WHO – SEARO, Novartis, National Forum and ILEP members participated .

MO training programme, Kolar



Training programme- Leprosy: 26-27 March 2013 - Kolar District/Karnataka, Primary Health Centre Medical Officers. A district Level training programme was initiated following discussions with the State Leprosy Officer Karnataka based on the request from District Leprosy Officers for a training programme demonstration.

Forth-coming events

Re-Orientation Training programme – NLEP Meghalaya for Non Medical Assistants 19 -23 September 2013.

Re-constructive Surgery – Catholic Hospital Borgang 26- 30th August 2013: Dr. Jerry Joshua, Plastic Surgeon TLM will be carrying out the operations

NLEP consultants Meeting – New Delhi, on 2nd September 2013, Dr. S.Micheal, Dr. Lanong and Dr.N.Manimozhi will be attending the meeting

International Leprosy Congress – Brussels, Belgium: Dr. Lanong, Dr.Manimozhi and Mr.M.V.Jose delegation will be participating in the congress – presenting the papers during September 2013.

GOOD BYE LEPROSY Trust



Efforts of a like-minded group of Leprosy NGOs to put in joint efforts to tackle the problems of leprosy elimination including the mobilisation of required resources, has at last culminated in to a ‘Trust named “The GoodBye Leprosy Trust”

Consortium meeting held at AIFO office Bangalore Participants: John George, A Antonysamy, Dr. Nagendra Prasad, G.Shunmuganathan, K. S. Sathyanarayana, Mr. Om Prakash, Mr. Murray Culshaw, Mr Loknath Swain, Mr. V. Prasanth, Ms. Jayashree P. K., Dr. Michael, Dr. Jose, Dr. Jayatanth.

Aim of this Consortium is To serve as a forum and a consortium to facilitate and support programmes in the public arena for control, rehabilitation and eradication of Leprosy in India. To seek collaboration and co-financed opportunities for Leprosy control work, research and publications in the area of Leprosy and other disease control programmes, rehabilitation and developmental activities from local , national and international agencies. To raise and disburse financial resources to support programmes for control, rehabilitation and eradication of Leprosy in India and other disease control programmes determined on mutual consensus from time to time. To support publicity and communication of leprosy control work to raise awareness among general public and communities. To seek collaboration with corporates, other organisations and individuals to support institutional building and infrastructural facilities for the implementation of any of the above objectives or incidental thereto.

Biennial Meeting 2013



AIFO Biennial meeting 2013 took place from April 16th to 20th In the presence of AIFO Liberia In charge Mr.Renato Libanora , AIFO Head of the project Francesca Ortali with all project Directors and Staff at TRDC ,Kanakapura.

The Programme revolved around thematic areas as follows facilitated by Regional Representative and AIFO Coordinators: Finance and its management, Supportive Supervision/Monitoring and evaluation, Communications and Reporting, Expertise sustainability and development and Local fund Raising by Mr.Murray Culshaw.

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