



***Appeal for Donation for Community Level
Therapeutic, Education and Community Rehab.
Centre for Special Needs Children at
Melapavoor village, Tirunelveli District***

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Our Background

Amar Seva Sangam (Sangam) is a premier organisation in the field of disability management focussing on rural areas.

Our approach is to establish a centralised resource center to act as a catalyst for change in the development of physically and mentally challenged. We do this by involving the village community in the process.

Sri **S. Ramakrishnan** who became a Quadriplegic due to a mishap, established the Sangam in 1981 and is the President of Sangam.

Sri **S. Sankara Raman**, a Chartered Accountant and a wheel chair user, affected by muscular dystrophy joined the Sangam in 1992 and is the Honorary Secretary of the Sangam.

Together they are building a **Valley for the physically challenged** as a Rehabilitation and Development Centre for the region and developing models for self-help initiatives by integrating the disabled individuals with the society for improved living conditions in a 30-acre land at Ayikudy, near Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu.

Some important activities at our premises are:

I. Institution based Rehabilitation:

- Home for physically challenged poor children with free accommodation, food, clothing, medical care, appliances and education.
- Day care centre for Special children to train them on self-care and hygienic activities and basic literacy. Early intervention programs to enable identify such children at a very young stage and then to rehabilitate them using modern techniques. Their parents are also trained to help the children after discharge.
- Orthotic Centre to make mobility aids to the needy free of cost and later free maintenance.
- Medical testing unit to evaluate persons with disability, offer physiotherapy services, refer wherever necessary to specialized hospitals for corrective surgeries.
- Post-Acute care centre for the Spinal injured offering rehabilitation and medical intervention along with vocational training.

II. Educating the physically challenged and others

- Running an integrated Nursery, Middle and High school where local poor children and physically challenged children staying at Sangam are provided quality education.
- Running special study centre of IGNOU and Alagappa University for higher learning to conduct diploma, degree and post graduate courses.
- Running Institute to conduct diploma programs in Rehabilitation.

III. Skill Development of the disabled

- Free vocational training for skill development in the areas of Computer operations, Advanced Information Technology, Typewriting, Notebook making and book binding, Tailoring and garment making, Handicrafts, Cell phone servicing, Servicing of home appliances and Soft skill training

IV. Spinal cord Injured Post-Acute Care Centre

- Paraplegia and Quadriplegia patients are provided with Post-Acute care like Physio therapy, medical support, nursing and counselling. After ensuring mobility, they are given vocational training for skill development depending on their physical condition and educational background.

Our activities extend outside our premises also. Mainly it is in the form of Village based rehabilitation initiatives where we have formed Self Help groups and also established Respite centres in villages for day care of physically and mentally challenged.

More details about us are provided in the Annexures.

Present Proposal is for creation of new facility for Community level Therapeutic, Education and Rehab centre for Special Needs Children at Melapavoor village, (20 kms. from Ayikudy) Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu, India.

Our Current Activities in Early Intervention centre at our premises at Ayikudy

Our premises at Ayikudy houses several buildings including integrated Schools, Administrative and office blocks, Hostels for physically challenged, various vocational centres, Dining hall, Rehabilitation and investigation centres and Guest house.

- After the useful service of Sangamam – our school meant for special children in the age group of 6 to 16 – for over a decade, it was decided to “Catch them young to rehabilitate fast”. Hence, Early Intervention Centre (EIC) was inaugurated in February 2013 to cater to the needs of Special children in the age group up to 5.
- The idea behind EIC is to intervene as early as possible and minimize disability so that the child can reach the highest potential. Research has shown that the period from birth to 6 years are the most critical years for all children, and more so for children with disabilities. Growth and development of a child is at its greatest in the first two to three years. During this phase of cognitive development, foundations of intelligence and behaviour begin to evolve. Additionally, ability of brain to affect structural and functional changes is at its best in this period. If the child misses this opportunity, further learning will be slow and / or inadequate. Early intervention programs work towards quicker inclusion of these children into the mainstream. In other words, Early Intervention means finding specific ways to help a child become as functional normally as possible.
- With liberal assistance from M/s. Handi Care International of Canada and Volkart Foundation, Mumbai, a separate block for the centre was constructed in 2013. The infrastructure so created includes a Physiotherapy room and a Special sensory integration room. Two Special education class rooms and a Speech therapy room of Sangamam School are also being used by us.
- We now attend to the needs of 30 children with 2 special educators, 1 speech trainer, 2 Physiotherapists, 1 EI coordinator and 1 helper besides 1 office staff.
- The Early Intervention Programme which was introduced in 2013 has been a great success that in February 2015, we had opened one more centre at Tenkasi and this centre is catering to more than 20 children under Amar Seva Sangam’s Village Based Rehabilitation division.
- Early Intervention project under Village Based Rehabilitation is directly working with 375 children and their family members in five blocks of Tirunelveli District viz. Tenkasi, Alangulam, Keelapavoor, Shencottah and Kadayanallur covering 85 village bodies, 13 Town bodies and 3 Municipalities.



- EIC's role transcends over a very wide spectrum of activities ranging from New born screening, early identification of issue, holistic assessment, diagnosis, interventions, prevention and goes into psycho-social interventions.
- EIC's important services include (i) Medical treatment of children suffering from disabilities (ii) Occupational and Physiotherapy that relate to self-help skills, adaptive behaviour, play, sensory, motor and postural development, sensory integration Ortho motor and feeding difficulties (iii) Psychological services including counselling, consultation, parent training and behaviour modification intervention to enhance cognitive development, adaptive and learning behaviours (iv) Identifying and providing services for children with hearing loss for congenital as well as acquired deafness (v) Speech – language pathology to improve speech and communication skills or motor skills such as weakness of muscle around mouth (vi) Optometric services to identify visual disorders and provide services and training (vii) Nutrition services to address nutritional needs including feeding skills, feeding problems, food habits and preferences (viii) Social support services (ix) Psycho social services including designing learning environments and activities that promote child's development and providing families with information and support to enhance child's development (x) Documenting and maintaining care records for service delivery and research
- We have started in right earnest in this path and are aware that we have miles to go in this direction. As there are very few pioneering institutions in this field in India, our journey is all the more challenging.
- The children are brought to school by our own bus. They are provided free nutritious lunch, biscuits and milk. The parents are also provided lunch since they come from far off places and generally are from very poor families. The children are given toilet training and self-feeding training. The parents are trained alongside to continue the practice at home.
- The children are given individual attention and undergo sessions on Physio, speech, and occupational therapy.



Physiotherapy



Speech training with Mirror

- There is a special Sensory integration room where the children are provided sensory integration involving sensory stimulation for hearing, seeing, feeling and tasting.



Exercise for tactile sense Stimulation



Exercise for Proprioceptive Stimulation



Exercises for Vestibular Stimulation, Vestibular and Visual

- Adaptive equipment such as standers, walkers, posture training chairs and slope climbers are used for successful training.



Child on standing frame

Child with Ankle Foot Orthosis (AFO) calliper

- They are trained in daily living activities, behavioural science, self-care, basic reading and writing. Most children need naps and are also provided with beds.



- Once the children are ready to cope up with general curriculum, they are shifted to our Primary school where they continue studies with general students including physically challenged. The teachers are fully apprised of taking care of the needs of the Special children. Our resource teacher also helps them to carry on their basic academics so that there is a smooth transition.
- In case they cannot assimilate into the main stream yet, then after the age of 5, they are shifted to Sangamam, our school for special children for the age 6 to 16.
- We have handled 30 Special children so far since inception, out of which 8 have been successfully mainstreamed.
- A couple of such success stories are given here
- Miss Kanishka joined EIC in October 2012 when she was 3 years old. She was afflicted with Cerebral palsy. She had difficulty to walk independently and also had speech problem when she was brought to us. She was the third child to her parents and they were determined to raise her up like other children. Though they had spent a lot on her treatment earlier, there was not much improvement.

We gave regular speech therapy to improve her speech and communication skills and other development therapy to make her walk better. Due to enthusiastic co-operation from her parents, her improvement was very quick and learnt the basic skills in less than a year. She is now a happy child going to Nursery school along with her sister and getting regular therapy from her mother.

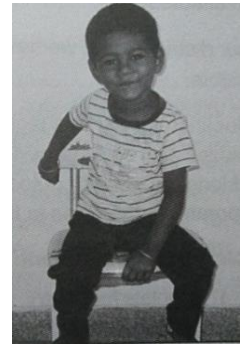


- Master Waseem's Hydrocephalus condition was not noticed by his parents till he was 2 years old. His head size was increasing alarmingly and he had difficulty in holding his head straight for long and was also falling down frequently. When he was brought to us in October 2012, we got him medically examined. As per the medical advice, a stent operation was arranged to drain the extra cerebellum fluid. After the surgery, we continued therapeutic service to improve his mobility and cognitive development. He was provided with a weightless AFO calliper to improve his muscle strength and now he is able to sit and stand independently.

After 17 months at our centre, Waseem joined a local nursery school. He is able to concentrate on his learning and continues his walking practices.



- S. Aljasia, 3 years and 6 months, daughter of Mr. Syed Ibrahim and Mrs. Bismi, hails from a middle class family. She was 1 year 9 months when she joined our EIC. She did not mingle with others and was comfortable only in sitting position. She used to convey her needs only by crying. In vegetative skills, she had sucking, biting and swallowing. We planned to give Special education, Physiotherapy and Speech therapy for her problems. After taking our services in EIC, now she mingles well with other children, walks without support and obeys instructions. Hand coordinating activities improved well; she is able to tell the names of her family members and she understands gestures, language and responds. After the treatment of about 2 years in EIC, she has now joined the Anganwadi centre near her residence.
- Our performance highlights are:



	Current year	Cumulative since inception
Day care students	27	74
Children integrated into main stream	1	20
Children sent to Sangamam	4	8

Grand Challenges Canada (Grands Defis Canada) project (GCC)

In 2015, we were selected by the Government of Canada with a grant of Canadian Dollars 112,000 approximately equivalent to Rs.65 lakhs to implement a unique project that was designed by us. Project scope was to utilise the latest information technology viz. Community Rehabilitation Workers to use hand held "Tablets" with specially designed Android Application and capture videos of the rehabilitation activities given to the physically disabled/mentally challenged children at their residences and the same monitored by the experts at Amar Seva Sangam on real time basis and suggest needed improvements. 360 children were taken as target and the project was completed successfully. Follow up of treatment offered to the children are being carried out and there is significant improvement in many children compared to the initial stages when we identified for covering under the project. Canadian Government granted further assistance of Rs.3 crore on matching basis for a 3 year period for scaling up the activity and also to involve the local Government for further spreading the same to other districts. We gave a presentation to the concerned Tamil nadu State Health and Social Welfare Department officials and they had encouraged us to spread the awareness. At present 420 children are offered rehabilitation services under the scheme.

Our Village based rehabilitation centres for disabled children

The Early Intervention resource centre in Amar Seva Sangam premises is to provide training and resource support to the Community Based Rehabilitation project team and parents and extend direct early interventional rehabilitation service to the children in neighbouring villages.

About the beneficiaries:

- Our EI project is working directly around 375 children and their family members. (It is estimated that 25 more new children will be added every year and this number will be balanced with the children who dropped from the program after successful intervention)
- Besides, 60% women in the target villages will be indirectly benefited through awareness and prevention activities.

Our Specific Objectives:

Creating awareness among the community and service delivering stakeholders on the importance of early identification and rehabilitation interventions.

Identifying new born & below six years of age group of children with developmental delays in 5 blocks around Amar Seva Sangam.

Strengthening the existing Village Based Rehabilitation programme with early identification and interventional service; through capacity building and professional support services in 5 blocks.

The Program and its implementation:

Area of coverage:

Sl. No.	Name of the states	Name of the districts	Name of the blocks/talukas	No.of villages to be covered	Population to be covered
1	Tamil Nadu	Tirunelveli	Alankulum Kadayanallur Keelapavoor Sankarankovil Shencottah Vasudevanallur Tenkasi	145 Village bodies, 19 Town Bodies & 5 Municipalities	470 children with delayed developments in 0-5 age group

Operational Strategy

- A main Resource centre is established in Amar Seva Sangam campus
- Sub-centers are functioning in far off areas
- Operational Field areas are divided into three for Home based support; one around ASSA and two around Sub-centers.
- Core Resource personnel at ASSA and para support personnel at sub-centers
- Resource personnel will be shared on a predetermined schedule.

Approach

Family-Centered:

Amar Seva Sangam is supporting parents in meeting their responsibilities to nurture and enhance their children's development. Early intervention services may be delivered in a variety of ways and in different places. Sometimes services are provided in the child's home with the family receiving additional training. Services may also be provided in other settings, such as a clinic, a neighbourhood day care centre, hospital, or the local health department. To the maximum extent appropriate, the services are provided in natural environments or settings. Natural environments, broadly speaking, are where the child lives, learns, and plays.



Coordinated Services:

Ensuring early intervention services are coordinated with the full array of early childhood, health and mental health, educational, social, and other community-based services needed by and provided to children and their families.

Measurable Outcomes for Children & Families:

Enhancing child development and functional outcomes and improve family life through delivery of effective, outcome-based high quality early intervention services.

Early Intervention & the Medical Home:

Ensuring early intervention services complement the child's medical home by involving primary and specialty health care providers in supporting family participation in early intervention services.

Local Control, Fiscal Reform, & Programmatic Accountability:

Assuring equity of access, quality, consistency, and accountability in the service system by ensuring clear lines of public supervision, responsibility, and authority for the provision of early intervention services to eligible children and their families.

Proposed project for a new centre at Melapavoor village

According to last census 2011, the total population of Tirunelveli district was 3,077,223 with an estimated population of 2% of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

In Keelapavoor block, the population is around 186,784 with an expected PwDs around 3,500. Out of this, around 500 disabled are expected to benefit from our service.

Two age groups, 0-6 and 6-14 year children group will require intensive therapy to access the environment. As per our present data base, 102 children with cerebral palsy, 65 children with cerebral palsy with intellectual disability, 21 children with speech and language disorder and 95 children with pure intellectual disability require therapy, education and Speech training in and around the planned centre.

Effective monitoring of overall project can be done by manual verification of registers, through mVBRI application, surprise visit by project managers, and through improvement of children physical, cognition, speech and quality of life through various scales like (1) Gross Motor Function Measure for Physiotherapy (2) Functional Independence Measure (3) Functional Assessment Checklist for Programming for Special Education (4) Communication skill for Speech.

We shall be measuring parent's satisfaction and Feedback through Canadian Occupational Performance Measurement scale and Care Giver's Survey.

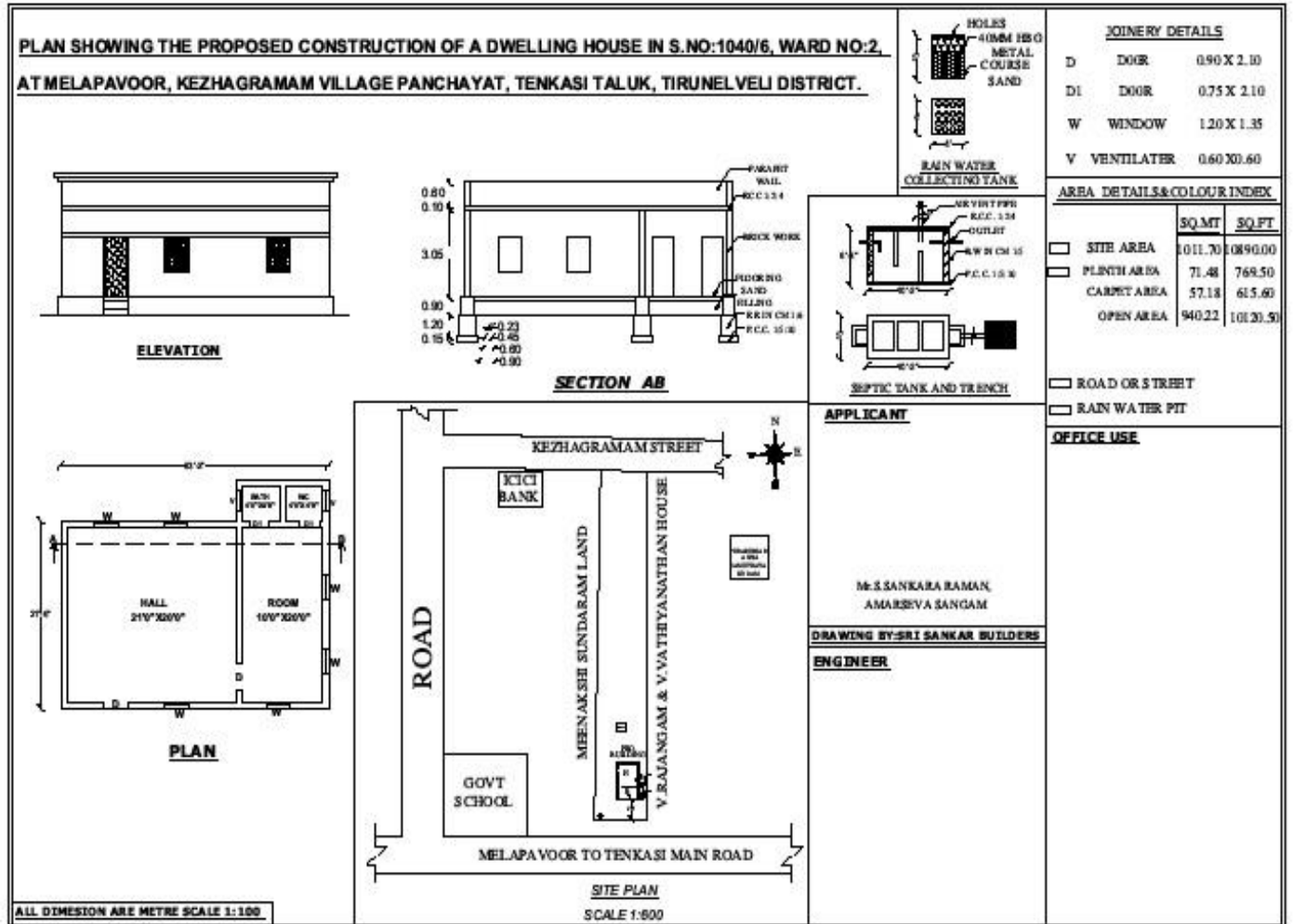
Our proposed centre at Melapavoor is meant to benefit the entire Keelapavoor block. Rehabilitation of children from 0-6 years under EI programme and others under our various categories of treatment for physical disability would be the main focus of this centre. It would be a center owned by ASSA where as other centres in different areas are being run in rented premises. Further, this centre would help the local population in saving their travel and time to reach the main centre at the campus of ASSA.

i. Main features of New centre

About 25 Cents land in Melapavoor village has been donated by Smt. Saroja Srikandan, one of our well-wishers to us in the year 2008 for carrying out our rehabilitation services to the local people. Land is in a central locality with proper transport facility for the people to reach from nearby villages.

It is proposed to construct a new building of 770 Sq. Ft. comprising a consulting room, hall and toilets. A waiting shed for patients of 200 Sq. Ft. with tin roof shall be adjoining this building.

Construction Plan:



ii. Panchayat approval :

Panchayat approval for the building has since been obtained. Bore well has been dug and building construction work started on October 5, 2017 and is expected to be completed by end of December 2017.

iii. Photos

Bhoomi Puja on 27.7.2017



Construction work from 5.10.2017



RR blocks foundation work



Closing of old well in the site

Our daily activities here would be a replica of what is being done at our main centre at ASSA viz. identifying the nature of disability, charting out and carrying out the treatment for rehabilitation with main focus on Early Intervention of children 0-6 years. Parental involvement in the process would be ensured like any other Parents Managed Rehabilitation centre (PMRC) presently functioning in other areas.

iv. Detailed cost estimates:

New Block	Amount in Rs.
Constructing a new Block of approximately 770 sq.ft. Ground floor @ Rs.1,377 / sq.ft.	1,060,000
Patients waiting shed 200 sq ft @ Rs.150 / sq ft	30,000
Engineering and supervision @ 4%	43,600
Panchayat approval fees	220,000
Bore well	100,000
Electrical connection and fittings	50,000
Total Building Cost	1,503,600
Equipment (Annexure-A)	105,000
Total Capital Cost	1,608,600
TOTAL REVENUE COST YEAR-1 (Annexure-B)	920,000
TOTAL REVENUE COST YEAR 2	975,000
TOTAL REVENUE COST YEAR 3	1,033,000
Sub Total	29,28,000
Grand Total for the project as a whole	45,36,600
Rounded off to	46,00,000

Note: Annual Inflation assumed at 6%

v. Funding requirement

Two donors have come forward to meet a major part of our capital cost amounting to Rs.11,08,600 and hence we currently have a gap of Rs.5,00,000 towards the capital cost of the scheme.

The revenue needs for the first 3 years of operation amounting to Rs.29,28,000/- is our major requirement.

We have kind hearted donors who have pledged to support revenue needs of Village based rehabilitation and Early intervention as follows:

1. Shri. Kalraman from USA has been supporting us for the past three years with donation amounting to Rs.25 lakhs annually.
2. Kamakoti trust, Chennai is supporting with sizeable donations every year.
3. Handi care International, Canada and ASHA for Education, Seattle Chapter, USA are the main supporters of our Sangamam and EI activities at the premises of ASSA.

We request your goodself to donate liberally to bridge the gap of Rs.35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs only) as grant to meet our needs fully.

Donations to ASSA are exempted under Section 80-G of Income Tax Act.

vi. Bank details for donations

Donations can be made to any one of the following accounts and an SMS to Secretary's cell number would help us to monitor the credit.

S.No.	Bank Name		Savings Bank A/c No.	IFS Code
1	HDFC BANK LTD	241,SAMBA STREET, TENKASI-627811	26181450000034	HDFC0002618

For foreign donations Amar Seva Sangam's FCRA Registered Account details:

A/c Holder: AMAR SEVA SANGAM
Bank: STATE BANK OF INDIA
Address: AMMAN SANNATHI STREET, TENKASI
Beneficiary: AMAR SEVA SANGAM
A/C. No.: 10955562073
Account type: SAVINGS
IFSC Code: SBIN0000928
SWIFT Code: SBININBB463
Branch Code: 000928
MICR Code: 627002009

vii. Contact details

If you require any further clarifications, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Shri S. Sankara Raman, Honorary Secretary

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Annexure - A

EQUIPMENT COST	ITEMS	UNIT COST	NO OF UNITS	WEEK/ MONTH/ YEAR	YEAR I
1.	PCs FOR ADMINISTRATION	40,000	1	1	40,000
2.	REHABILITATION EQUIPMENT FOR PMRC	50,000	1	1	50,000
3.	OFFICE FURNITURES	15,000	1	1	15,000
	EQUIPMENT COST TOTAL				105,000

Annexure - B

REVENUE EXPENSES	ITEMS	UNIT COST	NO OF UNITS	WEEK/ MONTH/ YEAR	YEAR I
REMUNERATION	PHYSIOTHERAPIST	17,000	0.50	12	102,000
	SPECIAL EDUCATOR	12,000	0.50	12	72,000
	SPEECH TRAINER	12,000	0.50	12	72,000
	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	25,000	0.50	12	150,000
	CRW	6,000	1	12	72,000
	PMRC TEACHERS	4,000	1	12	48,000
	HELPERS	3,000	2	12	72,000
	REMUNERATION TOTAL				588,000
GOODS AND SUPPLIES	CENTER MAINTENANCE	4,000	1	12	48,000
	GOODS AND SUPPLIES TOTAL				48,000
ADMINISTRATION COST	CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CRW/PMRC/SPECIALISTS	20,000	2	1	40,000
	TRANSPORTATION COST (AUTO TO BRING CHILDREN TO PMRC)	6,000	1	12	72,000
	ASSISTIVE DEVICE REPAIRING AND SUPPORT	20,000	1	1	20,000
	ASSITIVE / SUPPORTIVE DEVICE	50,000	1	1	50,000
	ASSA IT AND COMMUNICATION EXPENSES	1,000	1	12	12,000
	EXPOSURE VISIT	30,000	1	1	30,000
	LICENCE FEE FOR SALESFORCE	10,000	6	1	60,000
	ADMINISTRATION COST TOTAL				284,000

Annexure - C

About Amar Seva Sangam

Focus:

Amar Seva Sangam's mission is to empower people with disabilities through its rehabilitation and development centre.

Approach:

- *Establish a centralized resource center*
- *Act as a Catalyst to change*
- *Promote development in the physically and mentally challenged*
- *Involve the village community in the process.*

Aim:

- *Equality in status*
- *Equality in opportunities*
- *Equality in access*
- *It is a Society where people are identified as differently abled.*

History:

Amar Seva Sangam first took shape as a charitable organization, offering shelter to individuals with physical disability. It was founded in 1981 by Mr. S. Ramakrishnan, himself a quadriplegic, and grew under the ongoing leadership of Mr. S. Sankara Raman, who is confined to a wheelchair due to Muscular Dystrophy. Subsequent years saw Amar Seva Sangam widen its vision to address disability in society through advocacy and policy reform, while expanding its initial programs and services. The institution has grown to occupy a 30-acre campus and now serves more than 13,000 disabled spread over an area of 600+ villages in the surrounding area.

The Team:

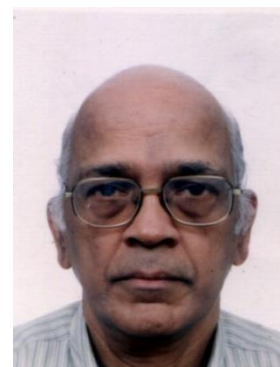
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President



S. Sankara Raman
Hon. Secretary

President is also a member on the Tamil nadu State Expert Committee for Disabled. The Secretary is the member of Tamil Nadu State Board for Welfare of Differently abled and State Advisory Board for Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Executive Committee of the sangam with 10 eminent members from various fields besides the President and secretary guide the Sangam in its activities. Day to day activities are taken care of by efficient personnel of the Sangam.

ASSA is an ISO 9001-2015 certified organisation.

Previous accomplishments:

Advocacy for barrier-free construction in surrounding communities,

Establishment of community Self Help Groups with over 2150 members,

Lobbying of state and national governments and organization of a national seminar leading to the passage of the Indian National Disability Act in 1995 and the appointment of Commissioners for disability in all the Indian states.

Organization of demonstrations, street marches and community theaters to educate the public, while supporting their mandate to demystify disability.

Government-appointed regional centre for the Sarva Shiksha Abiyan initiative to provide education for all.

ANNEXURE – D

NATURE OF ORGANIZATION PROGRAMMES

Primary Focus (programmes offered within the campus):

Education: ASSA offers a day-time elementary, middle and High School with nearly 900 students and forty fully-qualified teachers. Additionally, ASSA also offers education to children with developmental disabilities at the Sangamam School for Special Children

Home Care: The Live-In-Home shelters severely disabled children who require extreme care. These children are given accommodation, food, medical attention, a school education and vocational training.

Medical Care: ASSA facilities include an operating theatre, physiotherapy centre and a small hospital.

Rehabilitation: The Institution Based Rehabilitation (IBR) Centre, which operates in tandem with the home, has successfully rehabilitated several children from Stage I (crawling with wasted limbs) to Stage II (completion of corrective surgery, walking with fitted calipers/crutches) to Stage III (reintegration into the community). The primary activities of the centre are the Caliper Making Unit, the Disability Prevention Program, the Early Detection Programme, and the Early Intervention Programme.

SSA (Sarva Siksha Abiyan) Project: This is a 10 year scheme promoted and encouraged by the Central Government for the welfare of both normal as well as physically / mentally challenged people. The entire logistics is to be done through well-organized NGOs. Amar Seva Sangam, being a well-established NGO in the field of disabled sector, has been entrusted with running this scheme. Under this scheme we have been allocated seven Blocks of Tirunelveli District. **We wish to record with pride the fact that the Government of Tamil Nadu had conferred on Amar Seva Sangam their maiden award for best implementation of the scheme in the whole of Tamil Nadu during the year 2010.**

DETAILS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAMME

There has been a dramatic increase in the children with disabilities who have been identified and also enrolled. This is due to the fact that there has been greater in depth door to door campaign to identify such children. Also many parents have accepted disability in their children as a fact of life.

Service details / service users for the year 2016-17

S.No.	Particulars of Activities	No. of Beneficiaries 2016-17
1	CP & MR Maintenance Grant	125
2	Tri-Cycle & Wheel Chair	58
3	New Disabled Id Card	320
4	Marriage Grant	5
5	Hearing Impairment	559
6	Bus Pass	159
7	Train Pass	217
8	Caliper & Crutches	431
10	Medical Camp for Disabled	3
11	Scholarship	63
12	Bank Loan	202

Tamil Nadu Vazhndhu Kattuvom Project: Amar Seva Sangam was selected as the implementing agency in view of its vast experience that it has gained in the upliftment of the physically challenged and vulnerable people from all walks of life both urban and rural besides vast exposure in Village Based Rehabilitation programmes. 145 Gram Panchayats under three Blocks have been assigned and we are applying the cluster approach for successful results.

S. No.	Services rendered	Beneficiaries 2016-17
1.	National ID cards	8
2.	Aids and appliances	19
3.	Beneficiaries identified	139
4.	Vocational skill training	4
5.	Individual assistance for livelihoods	82
6.	Old age pension	6
7.	Maintenance Grant	4
8.	CDF MRT Training	3
9.	PHP – Pension	4
10.	No of camps conducted (MI Medicine camp)	12
	Total	281

Vocational Training: The Vocational Training Centre includes six different facilities (Computer Centre, Typing Centre, Two Wheeler Mechanic-Training Centre, Note Book Making & Binding Centre, Tailoring & Handicrafts Centre, and Individuals are trained to become autonomous workers in one of the above disciplines before being reintegrated into their native communities.

1. Secondary Focus (programmes offered outside the campus)

Day Care: Mildly disabled individuals from surrounding communities are transported to ASSA on a daily basis for school and other rehabilitation benefits.

Rehabilitation: The Village Based Rehabilitation (VBR) Centre, which operates in tandem with Day Care, assists **individuals** in surrounding communities through the Caliper Making Centre, Disabled Youth Training Programme and Post-Acute-Care Programmes.

Geographic area to be served:

This project is primarily a local endeavor that will function within the Resource Centre for the area. Any surrounding villages in which off-site VBR children reside will also be served.

Client group and approximate number of clients to be served by the programmes annually

The major clientele for this project are the disabled people in five blocks that are taken for the programme. There are 600 odd villages with the profile of the service users as follows.

Around 25,000 disabled are expected in our service area of 8 blocks within this population. Presently we are providing services to 6000 PWDs in which Maximum number of PWDs falls under the age of 6 – 14 years' group and require intensive therapy to access the environment. As per our present status with our data base 10% cerebral palsy, 11 % of cerebral palsy with intellectual disability and 30 % pure intellectual disability requires therapy, education, livelihood and empowerment. 8% of PWDs requires speech training. Totally 57% of PWDs are in a position to receive the rehabilitation. Remaining 43% of PWDs and above the age of 14 requires livelihood activities and empowerment.

Amar Seva Sangam has developed successful models for self-help initiatives. It has made great progress in integrating individuals with disabilities into society, thereby improving living conditions for disabled people in surrounding communities.

Some of the Awards and Recognitions for Amar Seva Sangam

NAME OF THE AWARD	BY	YEAR
Man of the Year	The Week Magazine	1992
Best Social Worker	District Collector, Tirunelveli	1993
Bhatia Award by His Excellency, Vice President of India Sri K.R.Narayanan	Sri Washeshran Devi Bhatia Memorial Charitable Trust, New Delhi.	1994
Rathna Shiromani	India International Society for unity, New Delhi.	1995
Kumara Rajah Award	The Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar Memorial Trust, Chennai	1996
Sahyog Award	Sahyog Foundation, Mumbai	1996
Lalchand Milapchand Dadha Award	M/s. M.S.Dadha Foundation, Chennai	1999
Community Welfare Award	Merchants Chamber Diamond Jubilee Endowment Trust, Mumbai.	2000
Best Institution Award	Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.	2000
Best Institution National Award which was given by the His Excellency Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	Government of India, New Delhi	2002
State Award for Best Social Worker	Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Tamilnadu	2004
Professionalism in Social Work	Gandhigram Rural Institute, Sivasailam	2005
The NCPEDP-SHELL Helen Keller Award	NCPEDP, New Delhi	2005

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National Award for Child Welfare - 2005	Hon'ble Social Welfare Minister Mrs.Renuka Chowdhary, Ministry of Women & Child Development, New Delhi	2006
Sulakshana – Ram Janam Pandey Award 2006	The President and the Members of the Governing Council of National Society For Equal Opportunities For the Handicapped, India for Outstanding contribution in the field of Rehabilitation of the Disabled	2006
Exemplary Service to the Community – General	Rotary Club of Madras – Mylapore uptown Dist. 3230	2007
CNN Heroes 2007 – Finalists	CNN Corpn. New York, (Award created to recognize individuals who devoted their lives to helping others. 18 finalists selected from more than 7000 nomination submitted by Viewers in 80 countries.	2007
12 th Mahaveer Award 2006	Mahaveer Foundation, Chennai Award to Amar Seva Sangam for the year 2006 received by the Secretary Sri S. Sankara Raman on 19-5-08 from the Hon'ble President of India Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil, at Rastrapathi Bhavan.	2008
Best Organization (Association of persons with Disabilities)	National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, cerebral palsy, Mental Retardation & Multiple Disabilities, New Delhi for the year of 2008 received by the Secretary Sri S.Sankara Raman on 12 th September 2008 from Smt. Meira Kumar, Honourable Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi	2008
Shri Kailashpat Singhanian Award for Outstanding Disabled Male	National Society for Equal Opportunity for the Handicapped, Mumbai for the year 2008 received by the Secretary Sri S. Sankara Raman on 9 th December 2008.	2008
Best Institution for Women's Welfare (State Award)	Award Received from Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Tamilnadu at Fort St. George, Chennai on 15th August 2009 received by Secretary Sri S. Sankara Raman	2009
Super Idols for Rehabilitation	IBN7 & Bajaj Allianz on 19-1-2010 at Taj Lands End Hotel in Mumbai given by Hindi Actor Amir Khan. The award carries cash of Rs.1 lakh and shield	2010
Award for Best Implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abiyan (SSA-IED) Programme in the whole of Tamil Nadu for the year 2010.	Govt. of Tamil Nadu in December 2010.	2010
Vocational Award	Rotary Club of Tinnevely' on 02-10-2011 at Amar Seva Sangam, received by President Sri S. Ramakrishnan	2011
Vocational Award	Rotary club of Tinnevely on 10.10.2011 received by Secretary, Sri S. Sankara Raman	2011

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Mary Varghese Award to Sri S. Ramakrishnan, Founder President for Excellence in Empowering Ability	Dr. Mary Varghese Award Foundation at Vellore on 18-02-2012	2012
Super Idols Award to Sri S. Ramakrishnan, Founder President	IBN 7 Super Idols, Shri.Salmankhan, Hotel Taj landsend at Mumbai on 20-03-2012	2012
Highest Fund Raising Duo – Mumbai Marathon 2012	United Way, Mumbai received by Sri S. Sankara Raman and Smt. Ramani Sankara Raman on 27.03.2012	2012
Jindal Prize 2012	S.R. Jindal Foundation, New Delhi on 03.12.2012	2012
B.J.Modification Foundation Award, Mumbai	Dr. S. Sumathi 09.12.2012	2012
Exemplary Service Award	Kris and Rotary Club of Madras Metro on 4th January 2013 Received by Sri S. Sankara Raman	2013
Highest Fundraising Couple	Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon January 20, 2013	2013
Service Above Self Award	Lions Clubs International District 324-B3 Bharathi-2013, Thamirabarani Region Meet on 17.02.2013 Received by Sri S. Ramakrishnan	2013
Best Social Service Award	State Bank of India, Mumbai Received Sri S. Sankara Raman on 01.07.2013	2013
MADITSSIAAWARD for Social Service 2012	Received by Dr.S. Sumathi on 14.08.2013 on behalf of Amar Seva Sangam.	2013
Dare Social Award 2013	Presented by Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare, Govt. of Tamilnadu Smt.B. Valarmathy 26th October 2013 and received by Dr. S. Sumathi	2013
Highest Individual Fundraiser Award 27.03.2014	Mrs. Ramani Sankararaman is the Highest Individual Fundraiser in the Dream Maker category. Mr. Sankara Raman is second highest fundraiser in the Dream Champion category from the Honorable Governor of Maharashtra Shri K. Sankaranarayanan.	2014
Cavin Kare Special Recognition Award 2015	Received by Sri S. Ramakrishnan, President, Chennai on 14.03.15	2015
Highest Fund Raising Couple Award	Smt.Ramani Sankara Raman and Sri S. Sankara Raman in Mumbai Marathon 2015 event on 27.03.2015.	2015
Life Time Achiever Award 2015	Rotary Club of Madras - received by President on 01.12.2015.	2015
Rashtriya Swayamsiddh Samman" Award 2016	To Sri S. Sankara Raman by JSPL Foundation, New Delhi on 14.01.2016.	2016

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Amazing Indians Award 2016	Hon'ble Prime Minister of India – received by President on 14.01.2016.	2016
Highest Fund Raiser Couple Award	Smt.Ramani Sankara Raman and Sri S. Sankara Raman in Mumbai Marathon 2016 eventon 22.04.2016.	2016
NIQR Lucas - TVS Award for outstanding service Organisation	Award received by Sri S. Sankara Ramanon 11.06.2016.	2016
A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Memory Award	Presented by Bharathi Yuva Kendra, Madurai and received by Sri S. Ramakrishnan on 22.07.2016.	2016
Puthiya thalaimurai Tamilan Award for Social Service	Award received by Sri S. Ramakrishnan on 11.08.2016 at Chennai.	2016
Mobile for Good Award	'Mobile for Good' in Health Category for the innovate mVBRI project - Vodafone Foundation, Delhi on 18.11.2016.	2016
Bharathi Award	Presented by The Dawn - Cultural and Social Association and received by Sri S. Ramakrishnan on 19.03.2017.	2017
Highest Fund Raiser Couple Award	Smt.Ramani Sankara Raman and Sri S. Sankara Raman in Mumbai Marathon 2017 event on 06.04.2017.	2017
Highest Fund Raising NGO Award	SriS. Sankara Raman & Smt. Ramani Sankara Raman - Highest 3rd Fund Raising NGO in Mumbai Marathon 2017 event on 06.04.2017.	2017
Dr. Ambedkar National Award for Social Understanding & Upliftment of Weaker Section for the year 2014	Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India on 26.05.2017.	2017
Galaxy CSR Social Award 2017	In recognizing the service to the society and community development, by Galaxy Surfactants Limited, Mumbai on 31.03.2017.	2017
Spinal Cord Society Award 2017	Received by Sri S. Sankara Raman, Secretary at New Delhi (SCI) on 05.09.2017	2017