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Dhaatri Trust is a voluntary organization working for the development and empowerment of women and children, particularly tribal communities in Andhra Pradesh. We mainly work in Visakhapatnam agency area of Paderu mandal in 30-40 villages in three panchayats – Vantlamamidi, Salugu and Modapalli. Our registered office is in Vijayawada (D.No. Aasramam Street, Anjaneyaswamy temple, M.G.Road, Vijayawada) and our administrative office is in Plot No 10, Lotus Pond Colony, Military Dairy farm road, Tirumalgiri, Secunderabad. We have a field office in Poolabanda village, Salugu panchayat, Paderu mandal.

Our main activities are:

Tribal Children's Programmes:

Bringing out of school children (drop-out children) and never enrolled children into primary schools and high schools and helping them get admissions in Ashram schools. Every year we motivate parents and children to put their children in government primary schools, and particularly girls in hostels, to prevent child marriages and child labour in the tribal area. We conduct summer camps and special camps for tribal children who are out of school in order to help them re-enter school.

We coordinate with schools in tribal area in order to ensure that enrolled children are retained in hostels. We conduct motivation programmes, cultural and health programmes with students in high schools to help the teachers in student retention. We have been undertaking several cultural and academic activities in the hostels of Malkapalem Boys' Ashram School, KGBV and Srikrishnapuram, Paderu and in Talarsingi boys' ashram school, Paderu. We are also working with the girls in the hostels on their menstrual health and hygiene, on nutrition and tribal food and on crafts, theatre and art activities to motivate students.

We are helping disabled children attend special camps to get certificates and special aids and to enroll them in schools

We provide student support in the form of fees, travel support, sports equipment, books and other material. We have provided the same in primary schools like Poolabanda and Kapparamajji and to individual students at higher education level.

We provide health assistance to children in emergency situation or where they need follow up support.

We are working with the village communities in making effective use of the Right to Education Act by organizing training programmes for School Management Committees, panchayat leaders

and Gram Sabhas and in helping the parents and teachers in improving the management of primary schools.

We are working with PVTG children on cultural education, to strengthen the cultural knowledge and language of the Kuvi speaking Khonds. Our staff and volunteers work with children and elders in documenting tribal songs, stories, language, and develop books for children. We also undertake environment education classes for primary school children through art, craft and science classes like biodiversity mapping, food festivals, teaching tribal music and songs. We also work with children and elders in conservation programmes like protection and regeneration of springs and soil conservation and tree plantation.

We are promoting kitchen gardens in primary schools and ashram schools by distribution of seeds and our staff and volunteers help the children in kitchen garden management.

Youth Programmes:

We are mainly working with kishori balika girls in the villages to help adolescent girls in health, nutrition and livelihood support activities. Our field team works with kishori balika groups in the village to conduct training on making healthy nutritious food from local crops, making sanitary pads and health training on women's problems and herbal remedies and on social security for girls when they go for work or for migration. We also provide livelihood training for girls like adda leaf plate making, tailoring, collection of forest produce and processing food items, making tribal snacks and in basic literacy. We have taken them for exposure visits and trainings on adda leaf plate making, mushroom cultivation, preparing organic manure, jack fruit pickles and snacks, etc.

We also work with adolescent boys and girls in the hostels on sexual health and hygiene, confidence building, communication skills and improving writing skills. Our field staff, volunteers and academic resource persons help us in this initiative.

Women's Programmes:

Our main activities are to improve the livelihood and economic situation of tribal women, particularly widows and single women. In Visakhapatnam tribal area, we are working on the following women's empowerment programmes:

- Women's awareness and participation in the Forest Rights Act by taking part in the Forest Rights Committees, mapping their individual and common lands and submitting their claims for pattas. So far we have helped women in 30 village submit their claims at the sub divisional level and many women have got individual pattas. We are asking for CFR settlement and for Habitat Right pattas for PVTGs.
- Helping widows by forming widows groups in three clusters, putting up applications for widow pensions, old age pensions, pattas to be registered in their names after the death of their husbands, MNREGS job cards, application for housing and toilets and disability certificates.
- We are working with women farmers in improving the food security through promoting the cultivation of millets, exchange of seeds during sowing season, training women in organic farming and soil management through preparation of organic fertilizers, taking women for exposure visits to understand livelihood programmes like millets processing, mushroom cultivation, NTFP processing, honey and bee keeping, amla products, etc.

- National Fellowship programme for Adivasi Women on Capacity Building for Leadership in Natural Resources and Livelihoods- we are working with 20 Fellows in 7 states in India to strengthen their understanding of tribal problems, laws, engagement with governance and local authorities, and livelihood interventions with women's groups at the community level.
- We are also part of a national and regional programme on women and natural resources protection to exchange skills on livelihoods and natural resources management.
- We are helping women get job cards under the MGNREGS and for getting work and in micro planning for land development activities under MGNREGS.
- We are working with women on preventing child marriages among young girls by motivating them to send their girls to high school.
- We organize trainings and workshops for women on awareness of FRA and PESA Act, participation in PESA committees and FRA activities.
- We are also working with dalit and devadasi women to protect their daughters from becoming devadasis by undertaking training and education for women and girls.
- We work with women on understanding environmental problems to natural resources, water and forests in tribal areas and help with protection and conservation programmes in forest areas.
- We help university students and academic and non-academic institutions undertake research on tribal women's problems, natural resources, education and socio-cultural problems through conducting field data collection and surveys in villages and schools.

Our main donors in the current year are:

Mama Cash, the Netherlands- for women's livelihood programme and adolescent girls
 Keystone Foundation, Kotagiri, Tamil Nadu –People and Nature Fund for women's livelihood programme
 Women's Fund Asia, Sri Lanka – Youth Empowerment Programme
 BothEnds, the Netherlands – Women's Empowerment Programme on Natural resources and training
 Non Timber Forest Produce Exchange Programme, the Philippines – Women and livelihoods development programme
 FCAM, Nicaragua – Women training and capacity building on natural resources
 FIMI-AYNI - Capacity Building for Adivasi Women Leadership in Livelihoods and Natural Resources

Collaborating partners:

Freunde der Erziehungskunst Rudolf Steiners, Germany under the Weltwärts Programme of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai –field placement and research for Masters' Programme students
 Harvard University South Asia Institute – research and documentation on girl child education
 SETU, Centre for Social Knowledge and Action, Ahmedabad
 Sakhi Trust, Hospet, Karnataka
 Jashpur Jan Vikas Sanstha, Chattisgarh
 Sampoorna Bamboo, Nagpur, Maharashtra
 Individual donors and well-wishers

Activities conducted in the year 2018-19

Date	Description	Total No of people	No of Community	No of Staff
April, 2018	Summer camps with children and adolescent girls; enumeration of school drop-out children; workshops with students in hostels; Documentation of Kuvi songs and preparing children's books on tribal culture; preparing hand-books on adolescent girls' health and hygiene			
May, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Survey for drinking water in Salugu and Modapalli panchayats ● School Drop-out study ● Bio-diversity mapping Buruguchattu 	88	84	4
May, 2018	Habitat rights and CFR workshop for women	54	49	5
May, 2018	Single women – workshop on sustainable livelihood and natural resources	23		
May, 2018	Kottapalli tourism study			
3rd to 6th June 2018	Workshop with Adolescent girls in Visakhapatnam	43	34	6
2nd July 2018	Adolescent Girls' group meeting in Modapalli on livelihood; school enrolment of drop-out children in ashram schools		6	1
4th – 30 th July 2018	Adolescent Girls' group meeting in Modapalli on livelihood, organic food preparation and adda leaf plate making; school enrolment of drop-out children in ashram schools.		8	1
23 August 2018	Kottapalli meeting on livelihood skills to support community tourism			3
25th August 2018	Workshop on health, Nutrition and millets uses in KGBV school, Paderu		45	4
27th August 2018	Kottapalli meeting with community on livelihood and Biodiversity mapping			
27th August 2018	Survey on health, hygiene and adolescent girls menstrual health in Sri Krishnapuram		26	2
28 th August 2018	Survey on household details in Kottapalli			2

29 th August 2018	PHC visit , discussion with Doctor on community health training focusing on Adolescent girls			2
3 rd September 2018	Meeting with Dallapalli community on livelihood and FRA claims			3
4 th September 2018	Meeting with Kottapalli community on youth and women training for eco-tourism and livelihood		14	4
5 th September 2018	Meeting with Kataki community to understand their community eco-tourism programme		12	3
5 th September 2018	Survey on women farmers			
14 to 18 th September	Visiting Raipur women's groups - for training to women farmers on sustainable farming and land management			2
14 th 17 th sep	Survey on women farmers			
15 th to 19 th September	Youth Workshop on FRA			3
20 th to 24 th	Bodichattu IFR mapping with community			
23 rd to 27 September	Banavasi visit for training on eco-tourism management			6
20 th September 2018	Youth workshop on tribal law, MNREGS, PESA and customary culture.		14	5
22 nd September 2018	Community meeting with Salugu panchayat gram sabha leaders		16	2
23 rd September 2018	Community meeting on FRA and CFR		22	3
24 th -28 th Sept	Orientation programme on Women Empowerment for Functionaries of Government and Voluntary organisations			1
1 st October	Gramasabha meeting in Buruguchattu			
6 th October 2018	Discussing and planning for Kottapalli eco-tourism with community - specially planning for women's cooperative for food processing in Kottapalli			4
12 th and 13 October	Meeting on drinking water problem			
16 th October	Community meeting in Poolabanda			
20 th October	Single women's workshop	25		3

23 rd October	Salugu Gramasabha training			
24 to 26 th October	Survey on CFR and IFR in Modapalli			1
29 th October	Survey on IFR in Modapalli with government staff			
03.11.2018 November	KGBV School Workshop on Menstruation and Hygiene	35	30	5
04.11.2018 November	School Workshop on Menstruation Hygiene in Srikrishnapuram, Paderu	71	65	6
04.11.2018 November	Workshop on sanitary pad stitching, discussion with students on sanitary pad uses and traditional practices, myths.	49	43	6
05.11.2018 November	Community meeting with women on forest rights committees - participation of women		Community People	5
07.11.2018 November	Gramasabha meeting		Community People	
08.11.2018 November	Livelihood Workshop with Kottapalli women's group for training in traditional millets based recipes for snacks at tourism site	23	20	3
09 - 11 November, 2018	Bodichattu IFR, CFR, biodiversity.	6		6
14 th to 16 th November	IFR mapping in Kottapalli	4	-	4
17 th November, 2018	Claims submission on IFR and CFR	Village people + 3 Staff	-	3
23 rd November, 2018	Training for staff at Hyderabad office on organic agriculture and sustainable livelihood	16	-	15
2.1.2019	Single Women's Meeting in Poolabanda; applications for widow and old age pensions	77	65	12
3.1.2019	Community youth training.			12
4.1.2019	Pensions –applications and submissions to local authorities			12
5.1.2019	Meeting with women on old age and widow pensions – Poolabanda			11
6.1.2109	Donation of millets powdering machine to women's group in Kapparmajji Village			11
7.1.2019	Single women's Survey in Kakki			

7.1.2019	Meeting with women's group in Kapparmajji Village for training on use of low cost millets machine			2
8.1.2019	Meeting in Kapparmajji Village for Machine usage			2
11.1.2019	Single women's Survey in Rellamamidi			2
12.1.2019	Single women's Survey in Malapadu			
13.1.2019	Single women's Survey in Junjurvada			
14.1.2019	Single women's Survey at Chodapalli	11	10	1
15.1.2019	Single women's Survey in Nandigaruvu			1
15.1.2019	Single women's Survey in Kapparmajji			
13.1.2018 to 15.1.2019	Adivasi Sammelan – a national level Adivasi meeting at Silvassa			3
16.1.2019	Single women's Survey in Lolangipadu	7	6	1
16.1.2019	Single women's Survey in Baddigummi			
17.1.2019	Kuvi language documentation interview at Musiripadu	3	2	1
17.1.2019	Single women's Survey in Kappalgondi			
18.1.2019	Single women's Survey in Chilkalgondi			
19.1.2019	Kuvi traditional story-telling and documentation interview at Edulapaleyam	1	2	1
19.1.2019	Single women's Survey in Thurumamidi			
23.1.2019	Workshop on Health and Hygiene at Hyderabad Office			
24.1.2019	Single women's Survey in Bidarigaruvu	7	6	1
24.1.2019 to 25.1.2019	Staff training on widows and single women farmers			
29.1.2019	Workshop on Tribal culture for students in Kandamamidi School			4
30.1.2019	Workshop on Tribal culture in Shri Krishna Puram School			4
31.1.2019	Workshop on Tribal culture and education to boys in Malakapolam hostel			4
1.2.2109	Meeting in Kapparmajji Village for millet powdering			3
2.2.2019	Meeting with Community on khond language and history documentation			3
8.2.2019 to 10.2.2019	National Adivasi Women Leadership Programme on Gender and Natural Resource Rights at Mandvi			8
11.2.2019	Participation in Gandhi Mela			8
12.2.2019	Exposure visit to Sabgar on women farmers and organic agriculture			6

11.2.2019 to 13.2.2019	Workshop on Financial Management and Good Governance			2
19.2.2019 to 22.2.2019	Weltwärts partner conference for Asia in Nagpur.			1
23.2.2019	Art workshop with Natural colours in Malakapolam school			7
24.2.2019	Art workshop with Natural colours in Kandamamidi School			4
25.2.2019	Art workshop with Natural colours by Dallapalli children			4
25.2.2019	Single women's Survey in Rellamaamidi			
26.2.2019	Art workshop with children on Natural colours by Dallapalli and Burguchettu children			4
26.2.2019	Single women's Survey in Rellamamidi			
27.2.2019	Theatre and Art workshop with natural colours by Dallapalli School children			
27.2.2019	Single women's Survey in Rangasingipadu			
28.2.2019	Art workshop with natural colours and Kuvi songs by Dallapalli children			
20.02.2019	Visit to residential schools in Paderu for cultural workshops			2
1.3.2019	Art and story telling workshop with natural colours and songs by Dallapalli children and youth			
2.3.2019	Dallapalli story telling workshop with children			2
05.03.2019	Village school workshop with children and visit to Kapparamajji village to motivate school-drop children for enrolment			
06.03.2019	KGBV school workshop - planning with the teachers and warden			2
07.03.2019	Single women's workshop preparation			5
08.03.2019	Single women workshop at Poolabanda			5
09.03.2019	Women's workshop at Poolabanda			
16.03.2019 to 17.03.2019	Balangir exposure and exchange visit-on working with tribal women's self help groups and livelihood; old age and widow pensions applications	4		1
18 and 30 March 2019	Odisha exposure visit on women's self-help groups; IFR claims processing and FRA meetings	2		1
31 March	Annual review meeting, Hyderabad	2		

