

REPORT ON PROJECT

ANIMAL BASED THERAPY FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

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I. PRELIMINARY DATA

Project Title : **Animal based therapy for Children and Teenagers**

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Euro Amount Sanctioned : 1,488.00 €

Amount in INR : Rs. 120,920.00

Date of Receipt : August 5, 2014

Number of families Supported : 17 families

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The above project was initiated to support poor families having children with disabilities. Families having disabilities are finding it difficult to mobilize necessary income to manage their special child. Further mother of the child have to be at home to provide proper care of the child. Goat rearing is a viable income earning activity for the low income group people. Being a small animal goat can easily be managed by women and children. A latent objective of the project is to involve the disabled children also in caring the animal and they by derive satisfaction & acquire skills to mangle small



enterprises. A project proposal to support 50 needy families to start goat rearing was submitted to the agency for its generous financial support on June 15, 2014. The agency agreed to collaborate with the project on a long-term basis and as a beginning it agreed to support 15 families. An amount of EURO 1,488.00 has been transferred to our bank account

on August 12, 2014 and it comes to Rs. 120,920.00. Below given is a short report of the goat rearing programme.



PROJECT EXECUTION

As soon as the project money is credited into our bank account we have initiated the project implementation. We have identified 17 most needy families to receive the financial support to purchase goat under this project. While selecting these beneficiaries preference has given to economic backwardness of the family and number of children they have.

A one day orientation programme on goat rearing was organized for the selected beneficiaries to impart them proper knowledge and skills in goat rearing. Dr.Elizabeth Varghese, Senior veterinary surgeon, District veterinary Hospital, Pathanamthitta, Kerala was the resource person for the training. She conducted the sessions in an interactive manner which helped the participants to clarify their doubts. The training was found very useful for the participants to have better understanding about goat rearing.



We have provided Rs.7, 500/- each to the 17 selected families to purchase malabari goats from their local area. We have distributed the amount to the beneficiaries on November 28, 2014. All the beneficiaries utilized the financial support to purchase good goats for their families and we have visited all the families to verify it. The families are taking proper care of the goat they purchase



by providing proper feeding to it. We are very happy to mention here that the entire family members are involved in the activity; especially the disabled child also is involved in it. It gives joy and satisfaction to the disadvantaged child. Further family members are happy to learn that they got the goat for disabled child and considering him/her as a worthwhile member in the family. Few goats have delivered and others

will deliver these days.

The advantages of the project are the following:

- ❖ Economically poor families were able to start Malabari Goat rearing. The initial capital we have provided has helped them to purchase a good variety goat.
- ❖ Increased income of families: Families are expecting a good income in the near soon from the sale of lamp and milk.
- ❖ Involvement of the special child: Families ensued that they does the activity with the full involvement of the entire family and special efforts is given to involve the disabled child in the activity, which gives the child a lot of self-confidence.

- ❖ Intake of Goat Milk: Families were able to provide nutritious goat milk to their special child and other children in the family, which improved their health.

III. FOLLOW-UP PLANNED

Ashwasa Bhavan director, Sisters and staff undertake regular visits to the families who are supported under this project to guide them in their new activity. During these visits necessary guidance are given to the families in doing the activity more effectively. We are maintaining proper records of the families supported under this project and their progress in the activity. We are motivating the families to donate/return one lamp to Ashwasa Bhavan when their goat give birth and the little goat will be handed over to another needy family so that more families will be supported within a short period of time. Beneficiary families are very much appreciative of the suggestion and agreed to cooperate with it.

I. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Particulars	Amount (in Rs.)	Particulars	Amount (in Rs.)
Amount Received from Kunzler Landhandel u. Lagerei GmbH, Germany	120,920.00	Orientation Programme on Goat rearing	3,115.00
Local Contribution/Ashwasa Bhavan contribution	19,695.00	Financial support to 17 families to purchase goats @ Rs. 8,000	127,500.00
		Monitoring charges (travel, telephone, Xerox etc)	10,000.00
Total	140,615.00		140,615.00

CONCLUSION

The initial capital support we have provided to the 17 families to purchase Malabari Goat for their families found very much useful for them. These families are now very happy and confident of coming up in life. Further the attitude of the family members towards the disabled member of their family has changed. The goat rearing activity is centered on the disabled child and it becomes a unifying factor for the family. We have noticed a lot of changes in the lives of the special children and their families who have received support under this project. We consider this as a small beginning in their life and it will help them to reach some sort of economic self-sufficiency by doing the goat rearing activity effectively in the coming years. The generous financial support we have received from **Franz Kunzler** has been very useful in implementing the above project for the benefit of the disadvantaged families. On behalf of the 17poor families I express our heartfelt thanks to you, Maximilian Glink and your team for this great financial support.

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Reported by

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