



ANNUAL REPORT

2020-21

Covida...symbol of hope
“ If everything around you seems dark,
look again, you maybe the light ”
- Rumi

Covid-19 was a bolt from the blue. As a remote tribal panchayat, we reacted to it better than most towns or cities. The moment the announcement of the pandemic was made, our Panchayat President Ms Madheswari called for an urgent meeting, including all Govt departments and we went into disaster control mode.

Education of villagers, strict quarantine, physical distancing enforced and masking and hand washing was made compulsory in public places. Daily news briefs and messages through about 50 Whatsapp groups and strict enforcing of non-crowding meant that we didn't have a single case test positive in the first wave.

Tribal Hospital helped with a fever OPD and our intense work on food security during the past 10 years meant that no family went hungry.



Notice in village warning of ₹500 fine for not wearing mask

REBUILDING FARMERS LIVES

Meanwhile the pandemic devastated the livelihoods of the farmers. They had harvested over 50 tons of high quality organic certified turmeric, which they found difficult to sell, because marketing lines are blocked. Rang De pitched in with interest free loans and Rotary club helped us organise an internet campaign which saw the public help by lifting off almost the entire stock. Gradually the sales of other millets too picked up and in the end we managed to end the year with a **₹90.8 lakh sales**.

A new venture we started was the "Honey Project" – trying to get our farmers interested in a totally different aspect of increasing productivity. Keeping bees in your farm increases your yield by an average of 30-40%; and it didn't take long to convince our farmers about this – after all they live and understand Nature much better than us. By the way...honey is a by-product.



PANCHAYAT NEWS - KEEPING OUR PROMISE

For the first time Sittilingi Panchayat brought out its first 6 monthly progress report, complete with summarized accounts and various development initiatives undertaken. Detailed accounts are published on the Panchayat noticeboard in the office. Notices of this were printed and distributed in all villages in the Panchayat. It was our promise that all working of the Panchayat will be transparent and the people will be taken into confidence in everything.

When pandemic strikes and there was no source for work – NREGA is a Godsend to the rural poor. The system had been riled with local mis-management earlier and many who work don't get the wages they should rightfully get. The President along with the Ward Members sat day and night for almost a month to verify the records, see that Aadhar numbers and bank accounts tallied with the people enlisted; then sat with the villagers and selected the work THEY needed done. An irrigation canal to 2 villages were completed and during the rains it had water flowing, allowing all villagers to grow rice after so many years ! Taught us a lesson too – if you are systematic and careful, the Government has excellent systems in place.



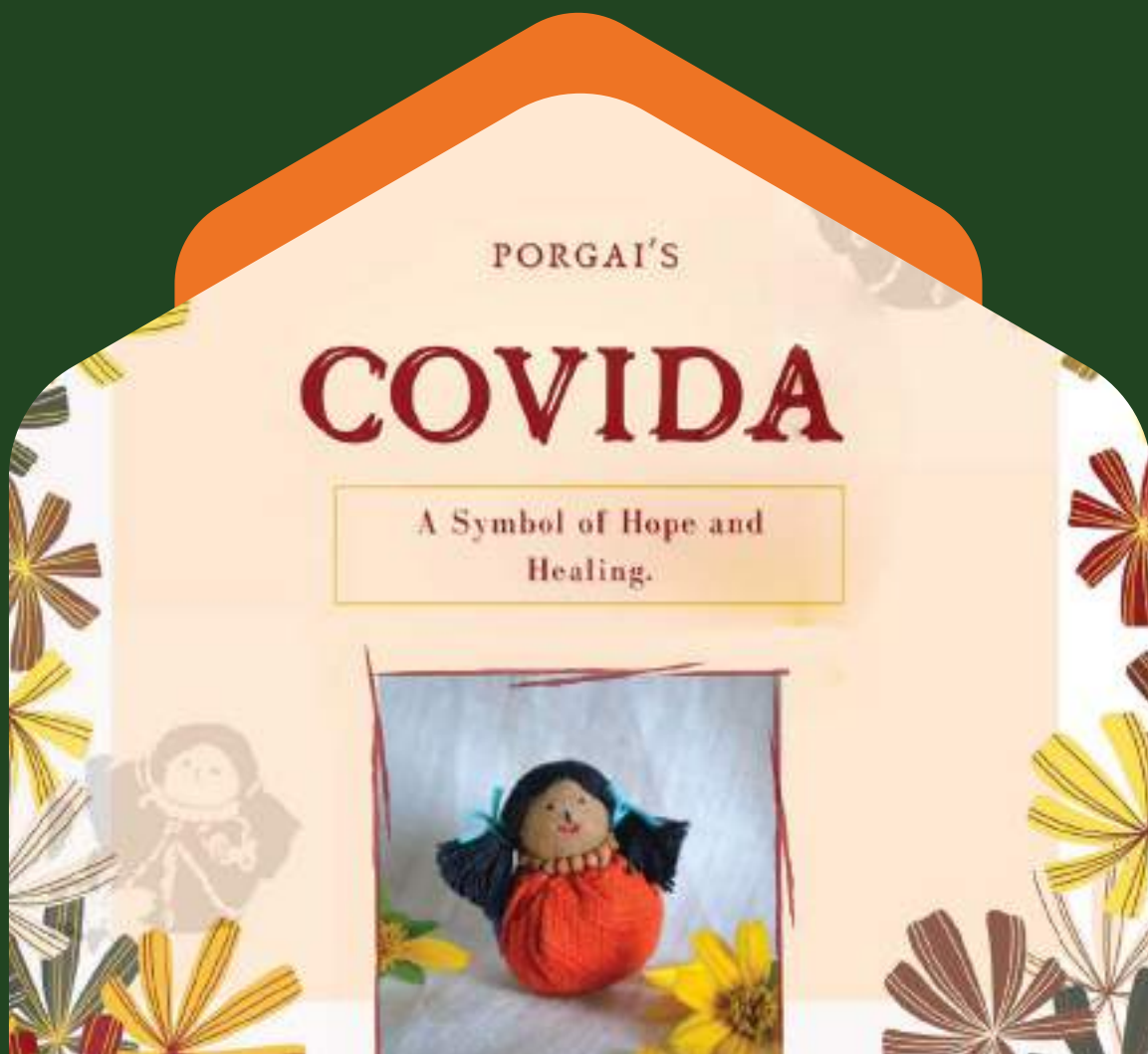
THE VILLAGE THAT EVERYBODY FORGOT

Karapadi is a remote village on top of a hill and part of our Panchayat. The tribals have moved in about 200 years back, and because of its inaccessibility, everyone forgot about them. After more than 70 years of our Independence they got electricity for the first time. Also NREGA work for the first time and 48 concrete houses for all the families. No more dripping huts in the rains.

COVIDA - PORGAI'S GIFT TO THE WORLD

Over the course of this pandemic, we at Porgai, faced challenges like never before. Despite the uncertainties, our artisans persevered, and today we are elated to share with you our latest creation, Covida - a symbol of Hope and Healing. Through internet sales and through friends, Porgai managed to survive in spite of just one exhibition during the whole year. They managed a sale of ₹59.6 lakhs of which ₹29.3 lakhs went to 70 artisans and helped their families in this period.

STRONG FOUNDATIONS - The community health work was our buttress against the pandemic. The team co-ordinated with the Panchayat to educate all villagers on Covid and need for isolation. The hospital too was busy especially with deliveries and emergency surgeries as all Govt. facilities now concentrated on Covid care and hospital care for other diseases was very much needed. The pandemic had also wreaked havoc on the rural economy and to alleviate the concern, we subsidised more than ₹ 79 lakhs or 22% of our income from the hospital.



COVID EMERGENCIES

Reyashree, Deepika's baby was just 40 days old and weighed 2.5kg, and was continuously vomiting due to an obstruction at the base of her stomach. Without surgical intervention, she would never survive. But all big hospitals were doing Covid care alone. Explaining the risks, we operated on her, relieved the block and she went back home with happy and contented parents. Rural India needs committed and courageous rural surgeons and anaesthetists.



PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

- Consolidating the Community Health Program
- Furthering watershed development in the Sittilingi Valley
- Setting up a Farm laboratory
- Setting up internet sales for the craft initiative
- Employment opportunity planning with the Panchayat



We were supported this year by FOS [Friends of Sittilingi], Azim Premji Foundation, AID [Assn for India Development], Bridgeable, Thought works Foundation, Polaris Foundation, MRF Trust, Pentagon Trust, MAT Holdings and so many of you. Thank you, dear friends and well-wishers, we hope you are with us always...

Covid has devastated the rural economy and cut most of our donations. Last year we subsidized **₹79 lakhs** for patients who could not pay, this year the pandemic compels us to do more. Please do support our effort generously by online donations.

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DONATE & SUPPORT

BALANCE SHEET					
LIABILITIES	2020-21			2019-20	
	SCH	LAKH	%	LAKH	%
Corpus/ Trust Fund	1	132.5	19%	132.2	18%
General Fund	2	524.1	74%	538.5	75%
Endowment Funds	3	50.0	7%	50.0	7%
Liabilities Total		706.6	100%	720.7	100%
LIABILITIES					
Cash & Bank Balances	4	37.3	5%	76.3	11%
Investments	5	91.4	13%	91.4	13%
Fixed Assets	6	341.7	48%	358.5	50%
Other Current Assets, Loans & Advances	7	236.2	33%	194.5	27%
Assets Total		706.6	100%	720.7	100%

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS					
RECEIPTS	2020-21			2019-20	
	SCH	LAKH	%	LAKH	%
Opening Balances: Cash, Bank	8	170.9	29%	180.0	32%
Donations - Voluntary Contributions	9	36.6	6%	52.5	9%
Grants for Programmes	10	91.7	16%	87.4	16%
Self-generated income (Net)	11	282.9	48%	230.9	41%
Any other Income	12	7.3	1%	12.3	2%
Receipts Total		589.4	100%	563.1	100%
PAYMENTS					
Programme(s) & Public Engagement	13	217.2	37%	109.0	19%
Management & Operational costs	14	118.2	20%	232.3	41%
Purchase/ Construction of major Fixed Assets	15	33.0	6%	50.8	9%
Investments	16	172.2	29%	142.4	25%
Advances to Suppliers & Staff	17	11.5	2%	3.3	1%
Closing Balances: Cash, Bank	18	37.3	6%	25.3	4%
Payments Total		589.4	100%	563.1	100%

"Hospital Finances" April '20 to March '21 Outpatients			
	Paying	Free	Total
Patient	27406	7007	34413
Amount	121.2	48.9	170.0
In Patients			
	Paying	Free/ concession	Total
Patient	117	1461	1578
Amount (Lakhs)	160.8	30.3	191.1
Total			
	Paying	Free	Total
Patient	6643	34629	35991
Amount (Lakhs)	281.9	79.2	361.1
Free %		22%	

	2019-20	2020-21
OP patients	39724	34413
In Patients	1548	1578
Surgeries	731	563
Deliveries	509	759

CRAFT		
	2018-19	2019-20
Members	60	60
Sales [lakhs]	55.21	56.59
Wages to artisans [lakhs]	26.75	29.32

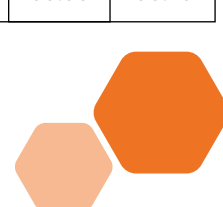
SALARY BREAKUP			
	Gents	Ladies	Total
6000 - 10000	3	17	20
10000 - 20000	6	20	26
20000 - 40000	7	7	14
40000 - 80000	2	2	4
Total	18	46	64
All Staff have benefits of PF, Gratuity and free medical expenses			

INCOME & EXPENDITURE					
INCOME	2020-21			2019-20	
	SCH	LAKH	%	LAKH	%
Donations	19	36.6	8%	54.2	14%
Grants	20	91.7	20%	87.4	23%
Total Donations & Grants		128.3	29%	141.6	37%
SELF-GENERATED					
Activities which generate Net Income	21	282.9	63%	227.5	60%
Other Income	22	38.6	9%	9.9	3%
Total Self-generated		321.5	71%	237.4	63%
Total Income		449.8	100%	379.0	100%
EXPENDITURE					
PROGRAMME(S)	2020-21			2019-20	
	SCH	LAKH	%	LAKH	%
Hospital services	23	292.4	73%	312.5	76%
Community health	24	4.1	1%	5.1	1%
Organic farming support	25	26.5	7%	6.4	2%
Community Development	26	12.5	3%	17.6	4%
Total Programmes		335.5	84%	341.6	83%
Management: Operational & Misc costs	27	66.0	16%	68.5	18%
Total Expenditure		401.5	89%	410.1	108%
Funds available (or not), for development of services (Surplus/ Deficit)	28	48.3	11%	-31	-8%
		449.8		379.0	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES	
Dr Regi George	Managing Trustee
Dr Lalitha Regi	Trustee
Prof M Ravindran	Trustee
Dr Sara Bhattacharji	Trustee
Dr Sukanya Rangamani	Trustee
Dr. Guru Nagarajan	Trustee
Ms Radhika Ram Mohan	Trustee

TEAM THI	
Doctors	8
Nursing Staff	35
Admin Staff	8
Community Workers	5
Paramedical Staff	8

FARMING		
	2018-19	2019-20
Groups	70	70
SOFA members	500	500
Certification farmers	500	500
Women group members	485	485
SOFA income [in lakhs]	95.98	90.79



No Air travel during this financial year

Main Auditor – Mr. Rajnikanth, Salem | **Financial Advisor** – Mr. Shivakumar K

Registered as a Public Charitable Trust No 147/92, Dindigul Regd u/s 12A, 80G of the IT Act; Regd under FCRA to accept foreign donations

STEADFASTNESS IN ALL OUR WORK

We are accredited by Credibility Alliance for financial transparency and work culture

- Board of Trustees meet twice yearly
- Executive Committee meets for emergency decisions
- Working Committee of Staff meets every 2 months
- Full Staff meetings every month

Detailed audited accounts are available on request

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ABOUT US

Tribal Health Initiative started working in Sittilingi valley of Dharmapuri Dist of Tamil Nadu since 1993. We now have a Base Hospital which caters to more than 1 lakh people, most of whom are tribals. We also run a comprehensive development program for about 15,000 tribals who dwell in 25 settlements. We also work in the Kalrayan Hills in health.



VISION

That the people of Sittilingi Valley and Kalrayan Hills in Tamil Nadu lead a better quality of life keeping their traditions, customs and pride intact.



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