

## Agricultural Development & Training Society (ADATS) Bagepalli 561 207 2<sup>nd</sup> EED Progress Report

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*“Coolie Sangha Building in North Kolar District”*

### I. CHANGES IN DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT, PROBLEM ANALYSIS AND DEVELOPMENT GOAL

We continued to implement and monitor the 2006-09 ADATS/Coolie Sangha Strategic Plan contained in this sanctioned EED/Icco Project.

In the second half of this reporting period we initiated a series of Strategic Planning exercises. We revisited our Situation Analysis, made a SWOT analysis, drew Strategic Priorities, made a Problem Tree and Objectives Tree, and a fresh LogFrame for the next 10 years. We also made a finance Plan for the next 3 years – Icco and EED would contribute 9.5% each, 11% from SCNZ, 5% from the NZ Government, 9% from Sangha Funds and 56% from Carbon Investors.

For more detailed explanation, as well as the lessons learnt, please see our 10 year Strategic Plan for 2009-19 at <http://www.adats.com/documents/book3/0328/>

### II. ACTIVITIES

This section of the Progress Report will follow exactly what we have stated in the 2006-09 LogFrame, and contained in the sanctioned EED-Icco Project Application.

#### *MAIN EFFECT: A. EXPERIENCE OF UPPER CASTE MANIPULATIONS ENDED*

Sub Effect: A. 1 Cases of Harijana School Cooks called to cook at village functions		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
Total No. of Govt. School Cooks in the Cluster	691	694 Cooks
No. of Harijana (AK & AD) Govt. School Cooks in the Cluster	131	143
No. of Vadde (Bovi) Govt. School Cooks in the Cluster	54	55
No. of Gorika (Valmiki) Govt. School Cooks in the Cluster	121	128
No. of Sugali Govt. School Cooks in the Cluster	7	7 Cooks
No of Muslim Govt. School Cooks in the Cluster	37	33 Cooks
No. of Private Functions where Harijana Cooks (not all SC/ST) were called to cook	60	73 Events
No. of Public Functions where Harijana Cooks (not all SC/ST) were called to cook	107	100 Events
No. of Temples where Harijana Cooks (not all SC/ST) were called to cook	62	76 Events

Cases of Harijana cooks abused within the school compound	0	0 Cases
Cases of Inter-Eating in Private Houses	2,805	3,408 Cases
No. of Clusters with no Harijana (not all SC/ST) Cooks at all	75	12 Clusters
No. of MLA Visits & Govt. Functions where Harijana Cooks (not all SC/ST) were called to cook	30	14 Events

*Examples given here are just that – they are not an exhaustive list of activities or Results obtained under this Sub Effect. They serve to illustrate the full meaning of the above table by fleshing out a few interesting stories.*

### Bagepalli

- Harijana Women Bhavani was selected as Cook under a general category in Polanayakanapalli village. This is in keeping with their previous year's decision to not restrict the appointment of Harijana cooks only where there were reservations for SC/ST.
- In Maragankunte Hostel, there were 2 posts of cook, One of them was not filled up. With CSU pressure, a Harijana woman, Laxmidevamma, was appointed.
- The Palyakere village CSU forced the promotion of Helper Earamma to Head Cook in the government run hostel.
- In Mittemari, the cook's post was reserved for an SC/ST. But the villagers appointed an upper caste woman. The Mittemari CSU made a big strike and a Harijana woman, Laxminarasamma, was selected.

### Gudibanda

- In Kondakindapeta village, they wanted to demote the Harijana Cook to Helper/Assistant. But the Mahila Meeting fought and made her Head Cook.
- Inter-eating has become common during village festivals.

### Chickballapur

- There was a controversy between General and SC to fill the Head Cook post in Kanganahalli Government School. CSU Members who are in the School Betterment Committee appointed a Harijana woman, Laxamma, as the Head Cook.

### Chintamani

- Since the strength has fallen down in some schools following more admissions into private schools and hostels, 8 cooks were asked to quit their jobs. 5 of them were CSU members. Mahila Meetings and Cluster Meets came forward to protect them and protested in front of the Block Education Office. They got an assurance from the BEO to continue their employment.
- Inter-eating in private houses has become common. More importance is given to cleanliness and hygiene than to caste. In 5 village functions, majority of the villagers ate food prepared by Harijans.
- In Korlparthy, a Harijana cook, Narayanamma, was appointed as an additional cook to fill a General category. This could happen only with the force of the Mahila Meeting and Cluster Meet.

### Siddalaghatta

- In Dasarapalli village, there was a reservation for Harijana cook. But the main village people played politics and changed it to General. CSU Members gave a complaint to the BEO and appointed a Harijana woman.
- In Chinna Bandaraghatta village, a non CSU cook was not working properly. She often skipped cooking. The Mahila Meeting and the School Betterment Committee removed her and appointed a CSU Member, Narayanamma, in her place.
- In Busettihalli village, there was a dramatic change in caste feeling in the general hostel when all 3 cooks were Harijans.

Sub Effect: A. 2 Cases of inter-caste marriages		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
Total No. of Marriages that took place in the past 1 Year	1293	1,107 Marriages
No. of Simple Marriages in Village Temples, in front of Houses & in Mass Marriage Functions	991	850 Marriages
No. of Marriages performed according to Rituals and in Marriage Halls	262	198 Marriages
No. of Marriages Registered with the Sub Registrar	61	32 Marriages
No. of Inter-Caste Marriages that took place in the past 1 year	38	27 Marriages
No. of Inter-Caste Marriages where Girl was from Upper Caste	27	17 Marriages
No. of Inter-Caste Marriages where Boy was from Upper Caste	12	10 Marriages
No. of Hindu-Muslim marriages without any Conversion	4	0 Marriages

### Bagepalli

- Nowadays, simple marriages have become a norm in the Coolie Sangha because of regular discussions on the advantages of simple marriages over ritual ones.
- A boy and girl from Doddivaripalli village were working at a factory in Bangalore and got married. The boy was from an upper caste and the girl was a Harijan. He was forcefully brought back to the village by his parents. The CSU supported the girl's family and got the couple reunited and settled back in the city.
- A ritual marriage was stopped by the village CSU at Donnakonda.

### Gudibanda

- The Taluk Coolie Sangha decided to openly support simple marriages and conducted one at their GCS Meeting.
- Seeing the example of their Balakendra Teacher's marriage at Thirumani village, 2 more inter-caste marriages were conducted this year.

### Chickballapur

- There was a dispute arising in an inter-caste marriage. CSU Members took the initiative to solve this problem by convincing both their parents in the Taluk Coolie Sangha Meeting.

### Chintamani

- Pathetic stories of parents who spent a lot of money on their daughters' marriages brought a change in the Mahila Meetings and Clusters.
- In 2 cases, where marriages were planned according to rituals in function halls, parents were convinced by their daughters to change to simple marriages in temples.
- 25 girls asked their parents to go in for simple marriages, provided they agreed to continue their college education. Mahila Meeting and Cluster Meets support such decisions.
- 6 inter-caste marriages were registered through Mahila Meetings. Seeing this, 3 other same-caste couples also registered their marriages.

### Siddalaghatta

- From many years CSU & Mahila Meeting have discussed the advantage of simple marriages. This has had an effect on other non-CSU families.
- In Gundlapalli village, a migrated boy was staying from many years. Bhavya fell in love with him and wanted to marry. Normally, parents oppose this kind of self made alliances. But the CSU took them to the Taluk Office and got the marriage registered.
- An upper caste college going girl ran away with a Harijana boy and they got married. The girl's parents were very angry. But the village CSU supported them to find a job in Bangalore.

Sub Effect: A. 3 Cases of Coolie Youth entering skill-based jobs		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
No. of Schooled-completed Youth who are in City Jobs	1,931	1,991 Youth
No. of School-completed Youth who are NOT in Jobs	1,858	1,889 Youth
No. of Youth who came back from City Jobs after 3-6 months and are now Unemployed	318	279 Youth
No. of Youth who came back from City Jobs and started their Own Businesses in the Village	104	133 Youth

- 5 Campus Interviews were conducted at Bagepalli by 2 Factory People & 2 NGOs. 150-200 youth attended each camp out of which 81 have procured jobs and 49 are being trained.
- Youth who were attended IT Camp are sent for further training and Job Placements at Bangalore.

Sub Effect: A. 4 Cases of single Coolie women and Coolie widows setting up petty businesses		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
Total No. of Young & Brave Single Women in the Cluster	1,331	1,305 Single Women
No. of Single Women who were running Successful Businesses Last Year	371	332 Business Women
No. of Single Women who are still running those Businesses	283	325 Business

		Women
No. of Single Women who Stopped running their Businesses	57	38 Failed Businesses
No. of New Single Women who have Started Businesses This Year	89	67 New Business Women

### Bagepalli

- 6 Petty shops were opened and are running well with loans from Pragathi Gramin Bank worth Rs 20,000 each.
- 5 single coolie women started dairy businesses by the help of their village Milk Collection Society.
- A single coolie women got a loan from Shrama Shakthi Scheme worth of Rs 25,000 and has started a bangle business.

### Gudibanda

- ADATS Staff helped 15 single coolie women avail loans for cross bred cows from various banks.
- CCF loans were given out to 4 women for sewing Machines.

### Chickballapur

- Social Welfare Department sanctioned 30 cross bred cows for SC/ST. But the Social Welfare Officer, along with the local MLA, allotted all the cows to their followers. CSU Members made a big protest in front of the Social Welfare Office. Finally the District Officer came and rechecked the list. He cancelled 15 loanees and re allotted those to 15 CSU Members.
- Women's Committee Members listed out 48 single women who wanted to start petty business. Of them, through the *Spandana Scheme*, 36 single women got loan of Rs 5,000 each.

### Chintamani

- Unity among Coolie Sangha members helped 16 members to avail loans from Stree Shakthi scheme and start new petty business.
- Mahila diaries which are fully controlled by Mahila meetings supported 6 single women to get loans and start their own ventures.
- CSU, Mahila Meeting and Cluster Meets succeeded in appointing 2 single women as waterman and Tester in the Milk Collection Societies.

### Siddalaghatta

- Mahila Meetings supported 2 single women (776 071 Narayanamma and 839 032 Bovi Narayanamma) with the Pragathi Gramin Bank Manger and got loans of Rs 25,000 each sanctioned to buy cross bred cows.
- In Mahila Meeting there has been long discussion regarding women rights. This has promoted Nagamani and Gangamma get share in their husband's property in a legal way.
- The Taluk Coolie Sangha Meeting identified 30 single women beneficiaries who are quite capable of taking loans and managing cross bred cows.

## MAIN EFFECT: B. STATE WELFARE RESOURCES ACCESSED

Sub Effect: B. 1 Trend and details of rent-free welfare resources acquisition, Rupee Terms, Taluk-wise		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
Total No. of Govt Works approved in the Cluster this year	1,311	1,113 Works
Total Budget Allocated for all these Works	120,387,100	Rs 163,587,000
Actual Amount Spent on these Works this year	83,706,000	Rs 118,397,808
No. of Works done Without Corruption	481	418 Works
No. of Works done with a Little Corruption	475	435 Works
No. of Works done with a Lot of Corruption	240	260 Works
No. of Families who got Social Benefits Without Corruption - Pensions, Ration Cards, Houses, Electricity, etc.	2,336	10,176 Families
No. of Member Coolie Families who got Social Benefits after Paying Bribes	265	149 Families

### Bagepalli

- 5,000 NREGA Pamphlets and 5,000 copies of the Gazette Notification were printed and distributed to village CSUs.
- 5 major strikes were conducted at all 5 Taluks, simultaneously, on same day with crowds of 25,000 at each spot. A memorandum with more than 100,000 signatures requesting that Kolar District be notified under NREGA was submitted to the government through Shri. Veerappa Moily.
- 3 major strikes and 26 local ones at Gram Panchayat level were carried out against government officials for delays in payments of NREGA wages.
- 4 RTI applications were Filed against Food Inspector and Tahsildar for the delay of issue of Ration Card and OAP.
- CSUs stopped 6 road works and 5 drain works which were of poor quality. The Contractors was allowed to restart only after they apologized and promised to maintain quality.

### Gudibanda

- The Taluk Panchayat Member from Earavathanahalli tried to draw payments for the same work twice; CSU Members stopped him.
- The Yellodu Gram Panchayat Secretary was delaying making EGA payment; CSU Members warned him.

### Chickballapur

- 2 road works at Angatta and Kanganhalli were stopped due to low quality. CSU Members stopped the work and seized all the machines. Finally the Contractor, along with the PWD Executive Engineer, came to the CSU Meetings and request them to allow contractor to restart. The Executive Engineer took responsibility to maintain quality.
- ADATS Staffs and Cluster Secretaries forced the Tahsildar to sanction and issue 115 Ration Cards, 95 Old Age Pension, 38 Widow Pension and 17 PHC Pension on the spot.

## Chintamani

- Fed up with delays in NREGA payments, CSU Members from 23 villages had 3 strikes in front of EO office and *gheraoed* the officer.
- Non CSU families joined 17 village CSUs and held 2 strikes for decreased NREGA payments. All of them got full wages after 15 days.
- 2 RTI applications were made for misappropriations in payments and 2 application were made for delay in supply of materials. The Gram Panchayat Secretary was immediately transferred.
- A Junior Engineer was locked up from morning to night in an airless room for taking wrong measurements.
- 8 CSU Members got back Rs 200 each when the Yerrakota Cluster Secretary, along with ADATS Field Staff, exposed corruption in Old Aged Pension. The Officer was made to apologise to the senior citizens.
- Road works in Nandanahosahalli and Sunnapagutta were stopped for 15 days and 11 month respectively due to poor quality.
- 30 Coolie Youth were trained in writing proper RTI through 2 Youth Meetings.

## Siddalaghatta

- 2 mass protests were held in the Taluk against pending NREGA wage bills. A petition was given to the Executive Officer.
- To get more information about annual budgets of the Gram Panchayats, we applied under RTI and this acted as a check on corruption.
- 3. 6 cases of not doing proper works were identified and stopped. The Assistant Executive Engineer was called to the spot. Works were restarted only after he publicly warned the Contractors that their bills would be paid in the presence of people.
- The PDS distribution point was located far away from the Cluster point, It was difficult for people to travel to this place, and there was also a lot of corruption. CSU Representatives from Kondarasanahalli Cluster gave a memorandum to the Tahsildar to shift the depot to a village chosen by the Cluster.

## *MAIN EFFECT: C. FAMILY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DELIVERED BY COOLIE WOMEN*

Sub Effect: C. 1 Proportion of cases of intervention in domestic violence successfully resolved by Mahila Meeting		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
Cases of Domestic Violence reported during this year	228	125 Cases
Cases of Domestic Violence Stopped	169	103 Cases
Husbands and Wives Separated on advice of Mahila Meeting	47	20 Separations
Legal Divorces obtained during the past one year	9	2 Divorces

### Bagepalli

- 39 cases of domestic violence were stopped during this reporting period. Of them, 15 were solved by the Mahila Meetings, 1 was solved at a Village Panchayat, 14 in the Cluster Meets were ADATS Staff were also present. 9 were solved at Police stations.
- 5 couples were separated on the advice of Mahila Meetings because, in all these cases, the husbands were useless drunkards, incapable of taking care of their families. Mahila Meetings warned them many times, but to no avail.
- A peculiar case came from Sridhavarapalli village. The boy claimed he was interested in continuing his marriage, but the girl was not interested to lead a life with him. She claimed that he had an affair with someone not was not genuinely interested in her. ADATS Staff helped them obtain a proper divorce and the girl remarried. She is now well settled.

### Gudibanda

- The Poolvamakapalli Mahila Meeting transferred the property of husband Venkatesh into his wife's name. After that, they have separated for a few months – trial period.
- Mahila Meeting stopped domestic violence in JP Nagar village. Violence was due to the bad health of the wife. ADATS Mahila Trainer took her to hospital and solved the problem.

### Chickballapur

- Through Mahila Meetings, 4 cases of domestic violence were negotiated and settled.
- Mahila Meeting could not stop 1 case from Bandahalli village and it went up to the Police Station, The husband was beating his wife continuously. When the Police gave him a “treatment”, he corrected himself.
- Mahila Meeting Solved 2 cases by separating the husband and wife. In that case, the Mahila Meeting was strong enough to help the women get compensation from their separated husbands.

### Chintamani

- Anasuyamma got married 6 months back to a boy of her own choice. She was happy for a month. Then the torture began. Her in-laws wanted money and a house. She was and sent back to her parents’ house in the same village. The Mahila Meeting interfered and solved the issue through the Police.
- Umadevi was married 3 years back. Her husband suspected her character and she came back to her parents’ village. Her in-laws tried to reunite the couple, but the Mahila Meeting suggested that she not go back to her husband. They said they would somehow support her to lead an independent life.

### Siddalaghatta

- Venkatarathnamma’s husband was regularly beating her and mentally torturing. This abuse was identified by the Mahila Meeting. They summoned the husband warned him that they would send him to jail using pro-women's laws.
- Venkataswamy was married and had grown up children. In spite of this, he bought another woman to the house. The Mahila Meeting and his wife were aghast. They refused to allow the other woman into the village. Both of them were badly beaten and the women was sent back to her village.



Sub Effect: C. 2 Trends in Index of Women's Health		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
No. of Women who Reported Reproductive Ailments in the Mahila Meetings	1,290	1,014 Reported Ailments
No. of Women with Reproductive Ailments Treated Locally by VHWs	455	350 Cases
No. of Women with Reproductive Ailments brought to Health Camps by VHWs	580	334 Cases
No. of Women with Reproductive Ailments taken to City Hospitals after Health Camp	309	291 Referred Cases
No. of Child births that took place in the past 1 year	1,158	878 Births
No. of Child births conducted by the VHW in the Village	553	377 Village Births
No. of Child births conducted in Govt and Pvt Hospitals	604	493 Hospital Births
No of Mother and/or Child Deaths during Child birth during the past 1 year	42	8 Mother/ Child Deaths
No. of Young Mothers who underwent Family Planning Operation after 1 Child	190	106 Women
No. of Young Mothers who underwent Family Planning Operation after 2 Children	631	348 Women
No. of Young Mothers who underwent Family Planning Operation after 3 or more Children	320	143 Women
No. of Women not able to do their normal household/outside work for more than 1-2 months in the last year (Bad Health Indicator)	210	117 Cases
Cases of Women who suffered the insult of not being able to cook for their families because there was no Rations, Fuel wood and/or Water for 1-2 days (Poverty Indicator)	166	67 Cases
Cases of Women who have no say in their Family Expenses, Loans, etc. (Powerlessness Indicator)	328	174 Cases
Cases of Women who expressed they could not support their Daughters in their choice of marriage	55	17 Cases

### Bagepalli

- Every single Mahila Meeting has a fixed procedure to identify reproductive ailments. In this reporting period, 221 cases were identified and followed up. Village Health Workers are trained in minor reproductive health problems by health workers from specialized hospitals. They are further supported by the regular visits of government ANMs. Our VHWs were able to treat 128 of these cases Locally.

At the Government Hospital, Bagepalli, Reproductive Health Camps were organized regularly. VHWs brought 47 cases – 1 was treated on the spot, and 46 were referred for further treatment. ADATS Mahila Trainers followed up on all these referred cases – they took them to MS Ramaiah Hospital, Bangalore.

- In this reporting period, 167 child births took place in Bagepalli Taluk. VHWs are well experienced and they themselves conducted 85 normal deliveries. 82 serious cases sent to the Government Hospital – we were not able to save 1 child.

- ADATS Mahila Trainers continuously monitor child births and immediately counsel them for family planning operations. As a result, 9 young mothers underwent family planning operation after just 1 child, 127 mothers after 2 children, and 35 mothers after 3 or more children.
- In the Mahila Meetings, ADATS Mahila Trainers explained to all Coolie women about their rights. The Effect of this is that, expect 106 failed cases, all the remaining Coolie women questioned for their rights within their families. We are certain that they now participate in important family decisions.

#### Gudibanda

- Discussions on reproductive health ailments in Mahila meeting is an universal agenda of all Mahila Meeting. In Gudibanda VHWs reported 70 cases and solved 15 minor problems. They brought 25 cases to Health Camps, and took 17 of them for further treatment.
- 40 child births took place in Gudibanda Taluk in this reporting period. VHWs conducted 12 child births normally, and 28 serious cases sent to government hospital.
- 6 young mothers underwent family planning operation after 1 child, 10 after 2 children, and 13 after 3 or more children.

#### Chickballapur

- 5 health camps were conducted in Muddenahalli village. 63 cases were identified. Of them, 5 were serious that needed further treatment at MS Ramaiah hospital, Bangalore. Another 2 camps were conducted in Chickballapur town. 76 attended and 26 cases were treated on the spot.
- 22 young mothers underwent family planning operation after 1 child, 66 after 2 children, and 42 after 3 or more children

#### Chintamani

- Strong and effective Mahila Meetings helped identify cases at an early stage and helped take treatment at an affordable costs. 3 Staff and 15 VHWs are well trained in dealing with the management and doctors at MS Ramaiah hospital.

#### Siddalaghatta

- Mahila Meetings identified 40 cases of white discharge and irregular periods. 19 cases were treated in local hospitals; 21 were sent to Kaiwara and Muddenahalli health camps.
- 43 child births took place in villages with CSUs this reporting period. 17 were conducted by the VHW and 26 were referred to the government hospital.
- Family planning operations take place every month. Mahila Meetings remind young mothers and an average of 5 to 10 cases were referred. 38 family planning operations were conducted at Lepakshi.
- A health camp was conducted at the Siddalaghatta government hospital. 86 cases were treated and 7 referred to Bangalore for ENT treatment.
- In Pedda Bandraghatta village, a government appointed ANM was irregular. The Mahila Meeting complained to concerned officials. She was warned to make regular village visits.
- 4 of choice marriages were conducted after Mahila Meetings counselled parents and got them to support their children's choices.

### Sub Effect: C. 3 Trends in Index of Children's Health

ADATS didn't conduct Annual Health Check up at Balakendras during this reporting period because the government did the same at all schools. But, as usual, Balakendra Teachers and Case Workers monitored this activity. A total of 340 different ailments were reported.

Ailment	Referred	Treated
General	70	70
ENT	80	75
Dental	120	120
Eye	20	12
Skin	12	12
Cardiac Problem	8	7
Epilepsy	30	30
	<b>340</b>	<b>326</b>

### Sub Effect: C. 4 Trends in School Enrolment

During this reporting period, the 2008-09 academic year, the Coolie Sangha supported a total of 15,971 children with scholarships and supplementary education to attend government schools. Due to regular follow up, the percentage of girls in High School finally climbed to 50% – a perfect sex parity!

#### Gender Analysis of Children in School 2008-09

	Children	Boys	Girls	SC/ST	Middle	Upper
Primary School (1 to 5)	4,595 29%	51%	49%	52%	17%	31%
Middle School (6 to 7)	3,282 21%	51%	49%	52%	18%	29%
High School (8 to 10)	5,678 36%	50%	50%	51%	19%	29%
PUC	1,452 9%	57%	43%	48%	16%	36%
Degree	551 3%	66%	34%	49%	15%	36%
Diploma/Other	400 3%	74%	26%	42%	20%	38%
NFE	0 0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,971</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>31%</b>

92% of school-age children in the 5-16 year age group, from active Member families in functioning CSU's are in School.

To achieve this result there were a lot of activities, struggles and awareness camps . Below there are a sample of some of them:

- Balakendra Teachers identified 578 children in Anganwadis & admitted all 6 year olds into 1 Std.

- Mahila Meetings prevented 8 early marriages and readmitted all the girls back to school.
- Case workers admitted 3 blind children to the Asha Kirana Special School for Blind.
- Village CSUs made temporary arrangements in 71 government schools without adequate infrastructure.
- Case Workers and Balakendra Teachers identified 9 schools with bad student : teacher ratios. The Mahila Meetings forced government officials to appoint 9 extra Teachers.
- 304 CSUs are active in the School Development & Monitoring Committees (SDMCs).
- The Coolie Sangha used the Right to information Act in a very intelligent manner to ensure that all the 8<sup>th</sup> Std. children, boys as well as girls, got free bicycles from the government.
- Special coaching 662 class were held for children who failed in their 10<sup>th</sup> Std. exams. After 20 days of cramming before their supplementary exam, 593 passed.
- 27 special leadership training sessions were held by ADATS Extension Workers for 10<sup>th</sup> Std. children.
- 40 camps were conducted to create awareness in CSUs about corruption in government schools.
- Due to daily sports and games practice in our Balakendras, 427 children won Taluk championships, and 96 children won district championship in various games.

Sub Effect: C. 5 No. of early marriages in each Taluk Programme		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
Total No. of Marriage-age Girls (over 18 years) in the Cluster	2,120	1,915 Girls
No. of Marriage-age Girls who are in College	1,034	1,002 Girls
No. of Marriage-age Girls who are in Jobs	253	266 Girls
No. of Marriage-age Girls who are doing petty businesses	57	54 Girls
No. of Marriage-age Girls who are at Home	785	593 Girls
No. of Attempts at Under-Age Marriage Stopped	53	15 Cases
No. of Under-Age Marriages that could not be Stopped	10	0 Cases

#### Bagepalli

- In spite of all our efforts, 8 parents did make attempts to get their daughters married under-age. The reason is that parents are scared whether their children will run away with someone and get married. Mahila Meetings and ADATS Staff had a tough time to convince them that this was not necessarily bad.

#### Gudibanda

- In Pasupalodu village, the Mahila meeting stopped an attempt at early marriage and readmitted Kalavathy to college.

#### Chickballapur

- The Susaipalya Mahila Meeting discussed and stopped an attempt at early marriage and readmitted Sowmya to college.

- After undergoing training in our month long Life Skills Training centre, 2 youth from Ankonagondi village got jobs in the Taluk Office as computer operators.

#### Chintamani

- Listening to pathetic stories of women who married at an early age and came back to their parents homes, Mahila Meetings don't want their children to even think of marrying till they finish their college education. Seeing girls who are already in jobs, it has become a common goal for college going girls to themselves get city jobs.
- Veena's father arranged her marriage at the age of 17. The groom was much older to her, but ht mother could not stop her husband. She took the support of the Mahila Meeting, openly opposed her husband, and stopped the marriage.
- Mahila Meetings failed to stop 2 under-age girls from marrying; the families left their villages.

#### Siddalaghatta

- Bhagya failed in her 2<sup>nd</sup> PUC and was forced to discontinue her study plans. Her parents forced her to get married but she refused. ADATS Staff and the village CSU supported her to apply for a PMRY loan of Rs 50,000 to set up a petty shop in the village.

Sub Effect: C. 6 Optimum Performance of Mahila Meeting women elected to and serving Grama Panchayat in each Taluk		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
No. of Women GP Members who are from Normal CSU Member Families	119	116 GP Members
No. of Women GP Members who are from Cancelled CSU Member Families	35	26 GP Members
No. of Women GP Members from Normal & Cancelled CSU Member who are Active in GP Meetings	74	80 Active GP Members
No. of Women GP Members from Normal & Cancelled CSU Member who are Dummies	63	53 Dummy GP Members
No. of Women GP Presidents & Vice Presidents from Normal & Cancelled CSU Member families	25	19

#### Bagepalli

- No Panchayat Raj elections were conducted during this reporting period and so there was no change in GP and TP Members. But village CSUs continued to insist that GP Members who were CSU Members compulsorily attend Cluster Meets. They also insisted that Gram Sabha meetings of all the voters were held regularly in every village.
- The Coolie Sangha taking leadership in NREGA implementation has pushed the people's organisation to a new height.

#### Gudibanda

- CSU Members of Ullodu Gram Panchayat forced the GP Members to make Venkatalaxmamma as GP Vice President.

### Chickballapur

- ADATS Staff conducted special training for elected women GP Members at Chickballapur. ZP Members who had won with Coolie Sangha support also attended, accompanied by the Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer.

### Chintamani

- Mahila Meetings have tried very hard to enhance the capacity of 4 GP Members who are totally illiterate and have no knowledge about funds allocations etc. But they failed. This taught them that better candidates have to be selected, well in advance, from all caste categories since we never know which reservation would come for which constituency.

### Siddalaghatta

- Coolie Sangha has full control over elected GP' Members in this Taluk. They report to their village CSUs about budgets and works. Gram Sabha meetings are held regularly and elected village CSU Representatives take an active part.

## *MAIN EFFECT: E. DIVERSIFIED INCOME FLOWS ESTABLISHED*

Sub Effect: E. 1 No. of self-employment units set up by each cohort (batch of youth) and investment per unit		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
No. of Self-Employed Business Units that were running Successfully Last Year	189	200 Units
No. of Youth who were in those Self-Employed Business Units Last Year	366	359 Youth
No. of those Self-Employed Business Units that are still running Successfully Today	189	184 Units
No. of New Self-Employed Business Units that have Started This Year	43	55 Units

Sub Effect: E. 2 Increasing proportions of employed women in non-traditional employment in successive cohorts (batches)		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
No. of Women who were in Non-Traditional (Male) Jobs Last Year	705	704 Women
No. of those Women who are still in those Non-Traditional (Male) Jobs This Year	595	678 Women
No. of New Women who have taken up Non-Traditional (Male) Jobs This Year	178	118 New Women

Sub Effect: E. 3 Increasing trend in proportions of SC/ST Youth (male & female) among employed youth		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
No. of Coolie Youth who are in City Jobs Today (cumulative)	1,881	1,159 Youth
No. of Girls who are in City Jobs Today (cumulative)	359	253 Young Girls

No. of SC/ST Youth among those who are in City Jobs Today (cumulative)	771	573 SC/ST Youth
No. of Muslim Youth who are in City Jobs Today (cumulative)	112	75 Muslim Youth

**Sub Effect: E. 4 50% or more of CCF Loans utilized for trade & entrepreneurship**

The only loans given out in this reporting period were 203 trade and entrepreneurship loans given out. The CCFs were practically frozen during the year. Rs 268,300 were repaid in the year.

**CCF Utilisation Pattern (as on 31 March 2009)**

Loan Purpose	Amount borrowed		No of loans	
Crop Loan	60,367,498	36%	36,398	61%
Agriculture	6,296,386	4%	1,860	3%
Cattle	30,826,816	18%	10,525	18%
Trade & Entrepreneurship	69,720,823	41%	8,791	14%
Consumption & Others	1,212,991	1%	1,923	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>168,424,514</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>59,294</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Sub Effect: E. 6 Average Repayment Rate by CCF borrowers exceeds 95%**

	Village CSUs	Member Families	Overdue Amount	
Zero CCF OD	239 (27%)	0	0	0%
Less than Rs 10,000 OD	159 (16%)	667	914,465	4%
Between Rs 10,001 and Rs 20,000 OD	160 (18%)	1,453	2,455,043	12%
Between Rs 20,001 and Rs 40,000 OD	194 (22%)	2,492	5,561,420	27%
More than Rs 40,000 OD	159 (18%)	3,898	11,473,089	56%
<b>Total</b>	<b>911 (100%)</b>	<b>8,510</b>	<b>20,404,017</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Sub Effect: E. 7 Increase in numbers and average size of Mainstream Financial Resources**

Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
No. of Bank Loans availed by Coolie Families this Year	456	430 Bank Loans
Rupee Value of Bank Loans obtained this Year	10,559,000	Rs 11,241,000
No. of Coolie Families who availed Coop Society Loans this Year	80	27 Loans
Rupee Value of Coop Society Loans obtained this Year	1,567,000	Rs 1,007,000
No. of Coolie Families who availed Other Loans this Year	158	163 Loans
Rupee Value of Other Loans obtained this Year	3,739,000	Rs 3,764,000
No. of Women who Availed Stree Shakthi Loans this Year	1,883	1,293 Loans
Rupee Value of Stree Shakthi Loans obtained this Year	15,171,000	Rs 8,945,500

Sub Effect: E. 8 Zero cases of punitive money lending (E. g. Nagu, Vaddi and Bhogyam)		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
No. of Coolie Families who went in for Nagu (exploitative barter) to put their Crops last Year	56	0 Cases
No. of Coolie Families who borrowed from Ryots/Traders on <i>Vaddi</i> (cruel Interest Rate) to put their Crops last Year	880	525 Borrowers
No. of Coolie Families who borrowed from Ryots/Traders on <i>Vaddi</i> to do Business/Trade last Year	482	335 Borrowers
No. of Coolie Families who agreed to pay a <i>Vaddi</i> of Rs 2-3 per Rs 100 per month	636	469 Borrowers
No. of Coolie Families who agreed to pay a <i>Vaddi</i> of Rs 4-5 per Rs 100 per month	487	246 Borrowers
No. of Coolie Families who agreed to pay a <i>Vaddi</i> of Rs 6 or More per Rs 100 per month	232	132 Borrowers
No. of Coolie Families who Mortgaged ( <i>Bhogyam</i> ) their lands to Ryots under <i>Bhogyam</i> this Year	34	11 Mortgages

### Bagepalli

- ADATS Staff and CSU Representatives identified local market opportunities and helped 92 youth establish their own business.
- 201 Coolie Families decided to change from traditional agriculture to Tree Crop.
- All CSU Members who had borrowed from *Ryots* on *Vaddi* did so not for dry land cropping, but for meeting capital expenses like drilling bore wells, buying pump sets, etc. This happened because of bad response from scheduled Banks.
- Mahila Meetings failed to control money transactions in the Stree Shakthi scheme of the government. 96 women from Mitemari took loans, but only 35 repaid.
- People are unable to produce surety to avail Bank loans. Only 144 persons took various loans from Banks, Cooperative Societies and other sources *outside schemes*<sup>1</sup>. Neither the CSU nor Mahila Meetings are able to enforce a fiscal discipline and exercise proper follow up on individual who do borrow.

### Gudibanda

- 8 CSU Members borrowed Rs 5,000 each to start petty businesses from their respective Coolie Credit Funds.
- CSUs captured 3 Milk Collection Societies in their villages and helped 30 families get loans of Rs 25,000 each to buy crossbred cows.

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<sup>1</sup> Under various government schemes, the Banks are forced to lend out. Here, we refer to non-scheme loans



### Chickballapur

- ADATS Staff helped a group of Coolie Youth from Dodda Kirugambi village avail a loan of Rs 140,000 from Canara Bank to start a brick factory.
- Nagaraj, the Cluster Secretary of Ankongondhi, supported 2 CSU Members from Bahaganahalli get free auto rickshaws through the MLA quota.

### Chintamani

- 6 new units started during this reporting period. They are all seasonal in nature like brick laying, tamarind, fruit trade, etc.
- Lack of accounting skills and male domination resulted in some women to discontinue their ventures.
- This year, 26 semi educated women have started their own business. These include 8 tailoring units, 7 agrigold agents, 2 chandrancy business, 1 small hotel, 3 cloth businesses, 2 pork stalls and 3 flour mills.
- Only CSU Members with clear and proper title deeds get crop loans from commercial banks. To raise commercial crops like tomatoes and vegetables, the rest are forced to borrow from *Ryots* under the usurious *Vaddi* system.
- Since a majority of Stree Shakthi groups are controlled by Mahila Meetings, CSU Members are getting more loans. But utilisation/repayment is not necessarily better.

### Siddalaghatta

- A small group of Coolies started a business cutting stone. Seeing their profits, some others got interested. They too started the same business. The CSU supported them get implements through a bank loan.
- Another group of women started making bricks. The CSU supported them by giving brick blocks worth Rs 1,000
- CSU Members became Directors in the PLD Bank. They helped 17 Coolie families get loans of Rs 25,000 each.

### *MAIN EFFECT: F. 66,533 ACRES OF COOLIE LANDS SYSTEMATICALLY CONSERVED AND CULTIVATED*

Sub Effect: F. 1 Increased Average income from DLDP lands		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
Average Yield per Acre Last Year	-	5 Bags
Average Yield per Acre Year Before Last	-	5 Bags

Sub Effect: F. 2 Increasing trend in Average value of Coolie Lands (Wealth)		
Indicator	5 <sup>th</sup> Effects Report	As on March 2009
No. of Coolie Families who actually sold their lands during the past 1 year	106	25 Cases

No. of Coolie Families who attempted to sell their lands during the past 1 year	17	13 Cases
No. of Ryots who sold their lands during the past 1 year	111	57 Cases

#### Bagepalli

- Field Crops are getting to be more and more nonviable. Unable to take losses any more, many Coolie families are preparing their lands for dry land horticulture under the Afforestation/ Reforestation CDM Project that ADATS is preparing.
- 3 CSU Members got land through the SC/ST Corporation.

#### Gudibanda

- 8 families in the Taluk sold their lands, attracted by an artificial boom in prices due to the International Airport and Highway projects. These families faced major problems, including non payment of the full amount, unheard of relatives claiming a share, etc. ADATS Staff took their example to discourage Coolie families from disinvestment the only asset they owned. As a result, they stopped 10 families from selling their lands.

#### Chickballapur

- Year before year, 61 families sold off their lands. They got plenty of money but didn't know how to use it properly. They invested money in businesses that they couldn't handle and met with huge losses. They themselves attended the Taluk Coolie Sangha meeting and explained their folly to everyone. Perhaps because of this, only 2 families sold their lands during this reporting period.  
However, it could also be because land prices got depressed due to the recession.

#### Chintamani

- The Taluk Coolie Sangha discussed different government schemes, subsidies and requirements for availing them. Many families with less than 5 acres of land got seeds at subsidized rates.

#### Siddalaghatta

- Average yields are decreasing year by year. This has made many families decide to switch from field crops to tree cropping.

### *MAIN EFFECT: G. 6 UNIFIED POLITICAL ACTION BY COOLIES – PANCHAYAT RAJ INSTITUTIONS*

#### Bagepalli

- CSU Members & Coolie Youth have gone to non CSU Villages to inform them and facilitate in getting NREGA Job Cards. They shared their vast land development expertise, got from years of DLDP, in these non-CSU villages.

#### Gudibanda

- Due to irregular field visit of ADATS Staff and their overt contact with only elected functionaries, 4 village CSUs dropped during this reporting period. ADATS Staff accepted their mistake and have planned solid rectification measures.

## Chickballapur

- 3 CSUs of Chickballapur are in the first 3 year Coolie Sangha Formation Phase. Still the Members of these CSUs are dependent upon the functionaries. Staff are putting much effort to establish a direct relationship with the Members.

### III. PLANNED AND ACHIEVED INTERMEDIATE RESULTS

All the intermediate results (project outputs) that were planned for this reporting period have been achieved or bypassed, except for the making/implementing of CD&S surveys. Please see our 5<sup>th</sup> Effects Monitoring Report for objective-wise details.

### IV. PROJECT OBJECTIVE

As a result of an extensive Strategic Planning exercise undertaken in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the reporting period, a new LogFrame was formulated with more advanced objectives.

Please note that even the 2006-09 Objectives were revised midway when we revisited the LogFrame. That is why they are different from the ones used above, in the main body of this Report.

The next 3 year LogFrame shows a further maturing – the *using* of gains made and results obtained to reach higher. Since we are certain that Coolies have taken control over their own lives, we go on to say that they should now utilise their functional unity to fully access all State welfare and transfers. Similarly, a strengthened group of women should now go on to attain a person status within their respective families.

2006-2009 LogFrame	New 2009-2012 LogFrame
<b>GOAL</b> To Ensure that Member Coolie Families gain Freedom from Social Oppression and Realise a Human Identity, Dignity and Citizen Status	<b>GOAL</b> Coolie Sangha Continues to Provide Identity & Protect Freedoms in the face of New Age Problems
<b>PURPOSE</b> To build the Structures and Discipline of the Coolie Sangha at the Village, Cluster and Taluk levels, and Unify the poor	<b>PURPOSE</b> Coolie Families Gain Control over their Lives in a Rapidly Changing Political Economy
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>OBJECTIVES</b>
A. Coolies take Control over their own Lives	A. Coolie Families fully Access all State Welfare & Transfers
B. Political Presence of Coolie Sangha Established	B. Coolie Women attain a person status within their families
C. Coolie Women Strengthened	C. Sustainable land use practices adopted
D. Coolie Children have Secure Future of their choice	D. Coolie Families take advantage of New Economic Opportunities
E. Survival Capacity of Coolie Families Established	E. Coolie children have secure future of their choice
F. Sustainable Resource-use Practices set in place	F. Energy & Potential of Coolie Youth Harnessed for their Development

G. Diversified Economic Development Initiated	G. New Form of UNity that preserves Member Participation & Concept of Representation Evolved by Coolie Sangha
H. Staff Capacity Developed	

## V. CHANGES AND CONCLUSIONS

For more detailed explanation, as well as the lessons learnt, please see our 10 year Strategic Plan for 2009-19 at <http://www.adats.com/documents/book3/0328/>