

Concept Note:-

These three events were inaugurated by our District Collector.

1. Thane cyclone Relief and Replacing Grain to Grain Bank “community based destitute care”

The concept of grain bank was introduced during the Tsunami and it becomes so successful with respect to taking care of the destitute elderly community in the 52 villages of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. In cuddalore 25 villages were covered under this program. This program was so supportive during many floods after this program.

So far, through this Grain banking 730 elderly have been supported without any external support. The system of grain bank responded in terms of grains immediately after the cyclone. The present effort is to refill the grain bank which is being run by Elders for Elders foundation for the last 4 years.

The Objectives

To provide relief materials to the 2500 elderly community, and to refilling 52 grain bank.

2. Inauguration of Cow Bank

In the same way that concept of Cow bank also will be given as a corpus to VLF and DLF, How ever they have to return back one calf to TEV, this calf will be given to the another interested elder. The monitoring and regular visit will be done by the Elders for Elders foundation, by this way we can build cow bank in the name of TEV Cow bank, as beginning we the Tamaraikulam Elders village has more than 15 cows, Where we are planning to give 5 cows in the first phase. The profit will be shared by equal

ratio, or they have to give a calf to the TEV. By this way this will grow step by step.

The main objective

- To promote savings by providing cow to working 'able' elderly.
- Provide the required cow with credit support for improving their economic bases.
- Secure old age pension by providing cow to Elders where they can get back to profit by supporting other elders and destitute elders

3. Inauguration of Adopt a Elders "Village"

"Adopt your Elders' Village" -

Tamaraikulam Elders' Village (TEV) is a place designed to provide a minimum standard of care to address old age issues of social protection, isolation, emotional security, health and recreation in a community environment. Our aim is to promote the dignity of the elderly residents and eliminating all forms of neglect, abuse and violence. TEV, established in 2007, is a model concept of care for the elderly being promoted by Help Age India, a not-for-profit Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) in operation nationally for the past 31 years.

Today TEV housed 100 residents of whom some 50 percent lead fully active lives caring for the 30 percent who need some assistance and the 20 percent who are fully dependent. Our next step now is to:

1. Sustain the long term future of TEV by seeking a regular stream of donations, and
2. Integrate TEV within the greater community of Cuddalore

We have therefore devised a scheme that can be termed "**Adopt your Elders' Village**" and this would run as follows:

- The Cuddalore community of some 1650 families would contribute to feeding TEV's 100 residents one meal a day. This could be done as a community donation or by donation by individual families. It costs Rs 3000 (three thousand) per meal per day to feed our residents

- **In return for their contributions, donors :**

- Can "Adopt an Elder" and, through regular visits, build a relationship based on care, compassion and trust. This benefits all and the younger generation will learn about compassion and get an insight into the issues of old age. After all, is it not said that "The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person"
- Family photo will be placed in our Meditation Hall as a recognition and reminder of their generosity and compassion
- Can avail the facilities of TEV such as the Community Hall, the Amphitheatre, the Dining Hall and the grounds for special occasions such birthday celebrations, wedding days, and other celebratory occasions.

TEV serves the most needy people in our community and "Adopt your Elders' Village" will have a significant impact on our Elders and donors alike.

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