

# TamilNadu Ability Programme (TAP)

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## 1. Organisational Background

Now in existence for over two decades, CADRE India continues to strive and expand our initiatives in the community. Our vision is for the sustainable development of vulnerable sections of the society irrespective of caste, religion and sex. We have always looked to tackle the causes of poor health and poverty while providing innovative ways to prevent deprivation. Our Charitable registration number is 12/93 dated on 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2014.

The mission of CADRE India assist the community to develop their socio-economic and emotional upliftment of women, youth, children, the exploited classes and economically weaker sections of society without any discrimination of caste, class, religion or gender. The motivation to assist in the prevention of poverty greatly appeals to us and we are committed to improving the lives of people living in India.

## 2. Project Background

Our programme is called TamilNadu Ability Programme (TAP) because we want to focus on the capability of the participants to become valuable contributors to the community. Tamil Nadu is struggling under the weight of a high number of disability issues within the region. Current there are 23541 registered disabled people registered in Kanyakumari with rates steadily increasing. Our multidisciplinary approach to the issue will involve multiple stakeholders in improving the lives of children suffering from multi-sensory impairments and improving the livelihood of disabled people.

Our programme will stimulate a new paradigm shift in disability provision delivery. The purpose of our programme is to increase and sustain participation for disabled people aged 1-18 years old. Our cohesive programme will bring together established local partners from various civil society organizations will maximize local opportunities for disabled children. TAP will deliver 5 days of disability provision per week, utilizing the skills of partners across the district. TAP is an innovative programme to develop a new approach to disability provision and enable 271 young disabled people to have improved livelihoods.

## 3. Project Scope

To create an operational work plan for the TAP Initiative that will mobilize communities and stakeholders, build capacity, scale up access for disabled provision. Our two year programme will require £30,000 from Trust towards a total budget of £45000. The balance will be raised from the CADRE India resources. We need the money because struggling to provide efficient opportunities for disabled people because of a lack of access to specialist equipment. If equipment does exist it is often old; poor quality; and inhibits the experience of the person using it. Where the right equipment is available, there is often a high demand resulting in waiting lists and lost opportunity to get people involved in our programmes.

To address this, the TAP programme was designed to increase the opportunities and aspirations of disabled people. We want to increase our wider commitment to increasing disability participation. Our work will seek to challenge inequality and change this to enable disabled people to view taking part in TAP as a viable lifestyle choice. We believe TAP is congruent with the aims and criteria of the Trust as we will be directly relieving disabled people of poverty and improving their health and education.

We will implement the following;

- **Education**

The Tamil Nadu educational policy states that if a child is "less than 50% disabled" they can attend regular classes in state schools. There are currently 25 government run special schools in Tamil Nadu catering for 1919 disabled children. TAP will work with children that face multiple disabilities with most cases above and beyond 75% disabled. The best way to achieve the goals will be through education. Challenging the children to develop themselves and by giving them a chance to come out of their isolation and mean something for their environment. This is why we want to develop a center for special education with multidiscipline support for mental and physical disabilities.

- **Rehabilitation**

Rehabilitation treatment does not reach the disabled children in the poor villages. Due to the high level of illiteracy in villages, the families do not understand or know what benefits of rehab could provide for disabled children. Rehabilitation for participants will include treatments such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. This is a positive step to addressing the immediate situation.

- **Family Programs**

Parents of disabled children are often insecure about asking for help. We are aware that due to poverty and deprivation, parents are forced to leave their child home alone while they go to work. The abandonment of children is something we are trying to reduce, we will implement family inclusive programmes that integrate various families in the community and will help provide a forum for adequate knowledge and support. :

#### **4. Statistics**

With over twenty three thousand people diagnosed with some form of disability in Tamilnadu, Locomotors disability proving the highest with over thirteen thousand cases. Many lives of young people could be improved with effective screening, early intervention and accessible treatment. There is an urgent need to scale up disability provision and provide alternative assistance. TAP will work directly with 271 children with MSI enabling the cost per head of the programme to be £36 per child.

#### **5. Project Objectives**

1. To provide effective support and care children with disabilities.
2. Identify the gaps in provision and needs for policy, programs and services, and research.

3. To discuss ideas and proposals for advancing the care of disabled children within Tamil Nadu districts and implement initiative to reduce abandonment rates.
4. Improve the communication and social mobilization of local people with the use of capacity building activities
5. To jointly develop a work plan for disability participation and education, including specific objectives, activities and expected results which MoH and partner organisations can execute together through policy.
6. To jointly identify opportunities to mobilize the additional necessary resources to make the implementation of the plan possible.

## **6. Project Strategy**

Sense International UK currently funds us to carry out disability provision for children suffering visual and/or hearing impairments only (Deafblindness). TAP will open up services to a broader spectrum and enable people with all disabilities the chance to take part. Our outreach team will visit families and educate them on their rights, TAP and the benefits for their child's participation

In the first phase of the project we will set up a centre where families can come for support and special education. Our primary focus will be on special education with additional support, such as physical activity, physiotherapy and vocational training. All the disciplines will be working together for the same goal. Each child will have a specific treatment plan with individual goals that the whole team will work towards. The Special Education Centre will comprise of 2 therapy rooms, a day-care centre, classrooms for education and training, an office and a staff room.

## **7. Expected Results**

1. Improvement in the awareness and support for people with disabilities and their families.
2. A platform for community dialogue, community activation and local based prevention.
3. Mapping of the current situation and initiatives for the improvement of disability provision in Tamil Nadu
4. Mapping of necessary additional resources and mechanism to mobilize disabled people and the community.
5. Increase in the knowledge, opportunities and education of disabled people.

## **8. Innovation**

Our innovative program will focus on increasing opportunities for disabled people in Tamilnadu and develop local family activators who can assist in disability provision and challenge problems related to poverty, education and healthcare. There are no other civil society organisation delivering similar services in the region and our programme was requested after we conducted consultations in communities. The consultations were carried out with key stakeholders, user and non-users through paper based surveys, interviews and facilitated focus groups to help shape and define the proposed project. The main findings for the consultations included the local disability provision and services to improve education, health and wellbeing.



## ***Executive Summary.***

CADRE-India is a non-partisan, secular, voluntary organization that works in partnership with the rural poor in India. It was founded by a team of social workers committed to working towards social change with people's participation. It began work with a few tribal communities in Vilavancode Taluk of Kanyakumari on literacy and health. Today, CADRE-India reaches out to nearly 5,06,50,200 people across four states in India as Kanyakumari in TamilNadu, Kerala, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh. We work mainly with Adivasis (schedule tribe), Dalits (schedule caste) and other economically backward communities.

CADRE's vision is to introduce the concept of sustainable development to weaker and vulnerable sections of society irrespective of caste, religion or gender. Our mission is to render help and assistance for the socio-economic and emotional upliftment of women, youth, children, exploited classes and economically weaker sections of society without any form of discrimination based on caste, class, religion or gender.

CADRE India has experience in disability interventions since 2003. With the experiments and experience we come in to a conclusion of a centre based integrated program for the targeted community.

The proposed School is an innovative Education model for Skill training for the differently abled children through an integrated approach like renunciation of Indian agriculture, women (parents of the children) in skill work, inclusion of the poor and marginalised differently abled children. All kinds of differently abled children will be involved on the basis of their capacity. The parents and guardians will be involved on the basis of their capacity. It will also be a training institute for the special educators. The campus will be with an early intervention centre for all the differently abled children, pre-school, special school, diploma school in different skills, senior citizens (differently abled) care and concern, support services. Cultural arts centre for the people involved in all the ages. Open them to a world of different order. A centre for research on disabilities health and social aspects for the Multi-Dimensional Approach.

### **Statement of Need**

Why we say this is a need:--

1. No such a centre with holistic approach for an integration of services to the Differently abled in India. So it will be an innovative and replicable one in similar areas in different parts of the world.
2. Due to the existence of cashew processing factory in our district, the health hazards is very high and the prevalence of multiple disabilities in the district, may be with birth time issues and problems.

3. Due to the neglected situation of both the leading political parties in the district, the number of marginalised people and children are high. Due to the bribing, Centre cannot be established till date.

4. In our district there is no proper clinical Diagnostic centre, no functional assessment centre, and no proper guidance for the education and communication development centre for the Multi-Sensory Impaired. No proper school for the visually impaired as per their needs, Rehabilitation Council of India approved , no vocational skill training for the adult differently abled, no old age community centre for the differently abled with care, concern and support services.

5. We have a centre for online computer education for the visually impaired.

### **Project Description**

The project will be executed through the expert advisors in field with guidance of CADRE India Governing Board and professional staff deputed for the purpose. We will establish the infrastructure for the centre as well as the programs with proper activities. We will tap the Govt. accreditation and schemes for the sustainability of the centre. We will involve the parents and the well-wishers committees to give all the guidance. They will do the monitoring of the work on a daily basis. They will cross check all the payments bills and vouchers.

The cooperation can be in the form of financial support, donation, subscription, loan or suggestions, consultancy services, introducing your friends and well-wishers to the project.

Future projects like integrating with old age care and support home for all the citizens.....

Expecting your valuable suggestions and support.

Thanking you with regards

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