HELP Foundations Annual Report

2013-14



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# Chairman’s Message

The financial year 2013-14 was a year of growth for HELP Foundation in terms of organization. As our programs started connecting with the PRIs and the general public we had to scramble for resources. Requests started to pour in from various Panchayats and Government offices. The organization strength was augmented and we were able to source funds for our programs. Organizational Development took centre stage and we went about putting in structures for our future growth.

**2013, the year that was: HELP Foundations Organization.**

Office Expansion, Independent Departments and Section Heads fell in place as well as our first project was bagged through a Small Grants Program from WWF-India. Panchayat Raj Institutions started to frequent our offices and our presence became a regular feature in social and developmental meetings of Kollam. Regular Press Meets became the norm as we build up our presence with the local media as well as we started receiving fair amount of coverage in all local dailies for our interventions and programs. On the flip side our professional work and ethical practices was a spot of bother for the well entrenched. Wetland Conservation and Ecosystem Restoration Practices became our forte and we were sought after by academics and university departments for conducting sessions for both students and faculty alike.

**A year of Gains – Organizational Development for Future Sustainability**

2013 will be remembered as a year of establishing our presence given the dearth of professional social organizations in Kerala. The local populace as well as activists and well wishers in general had space for HELP Foundation in their minds and we started to meet Kerala based Corporates with our programs. This was also the year where we received our first intern from DE PAUL INSTITUTE, Ernakulum. From one Panchayat we scaled our work and associations with 12 Panchayats and 24 schools thereby establishing ourselves as a premier organization in the not for profit sector of Kerala. Additionally we started making representations with our Legislative Members and the Member of Parliament from Kollam. It was also a year where we had incurred huge travel bills testimony to our growth and presence as our field work increased manifold.

As we enter 2014 we have made our mark in Kollam District and have started to register our presence in Kerala government and its field offices. Team work and delivery came to the fore as we made the first tentative steps towards Social Auditing. The Board of Directors was certain that we wanted an honest and transparent organization and deliberated setting up procedures to comply with RTI (Right to Information) Act so that public as well as our donors can scrutinize or work and the procedures we adopt.

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|  | **Prof Peter Pradeep**  Chairman of the Board of Directors |

# Quarterly Reports

Program details and interventions can be viewed from the quarterly reports in detail. As this gives an accurate reflection of our work.

**First Quarter**

<http://www.helpfoundation.in/publications/HELP-Foundation-First-Quarter-Report-2013.pdf>

**Second Quarter**

<http://www.helpfoundation.in/publications/HELP-Foundation-Second-Quarter-Report-2013.pdf>

**Third Quarter**

<http://www.helpfoundation.in/publications/HELP-Foundation-Third-Quarter-Report-2013.pdf>

**Fourth Quarter**

<http://www.helpfoundation.in/publications/HELP-Foundation-Fourth-Quarter-Report-2013.pdf>

# Income and Expenditure

The below table gives a snapshot of the income and expenditure for the year 2013-14

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