

# Association for Health Welfare in the Nilgiris

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2006-07**

The year has been eventful and the mood is upbeat. The highpoint being the much awaited start of construction work on the new Hospital building.

**Construction of the new Building:** There was much rejoicing and a sense of relief when we got official permission from the Government for this. Work has commenced in earnest with levelling of the site. A team of tribal boys have started making stabilised soil cement blocks for the walls. These blocks are made with soil from the site, reinforced with cement, sand and granite powder waste from the quarry. They are hand pressed in a block making mould. They are sturdy, use only a tenth of the energy of the traditional burnt brick. They also look elegant and give employment to the local community. The building will blend beautifully with the serene surroundings. We hope to complete the foundation work and make as many blocks as possible before the monsoon sets in.



The Gudalur Adivasi Hospital continues to have a high number of in- patients. Office rooms and meeting halls have been turned into wards! People are coming forward for treatment and many more women opt to deliver in the hospital now. While we wait for the new hospital to come up, conditions remain crammed.

Item	Tribal	Non tribal
Inpatients	1164	162
Outpatients	8940	6860
Deliveries	172	33

"Good Gifts", an innovative program of The Charities Advisory Trust (CAT), UK has helped to boost village level activities.

The "chicken bank" has sparked off the formation of a chain of women's groups committed to savings and the creation of a community fund in each village.

The "safe delivery" gift is a much needed support for poor families struggling to keep the mothers and babies safe.

The "**smokeless choolas**", another pressing need will be put up in 539 homes and will help reduce the lung infections.

The "baby heart fund" helped 8 patients to have cardiac surgery and many more to be evaluated. Some of them had been waiting for over 10 years!

Thanks to CAT, GAH is equipped with an ultrasound machine. It will improve the quality of care, especially in obstetrics.

"The tribal peoples' award" was given to Ms Hilary Blume of CAT, for the extensive support that she has given them, at a function in Gudalur.

**The Community Mental Health programme** supported by the Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT) is doing well with 70 odd health volunteers having completed training in mental health and over 200 patients being treated regularly.

**The Community Insurance Programme,** also supported by SRTT, has been going well. People's contributions have increased this year with many areas trying out new experiments in premium collection

**The Sickle Cell Disease Centre** at GAH supported by Tribal India Health Foundation is functioning well. Patients on 5 Hydroxyurea have a significantly reduced number of crises and a much better quality of life.

We continue with the Government **HIV/AIDS** and **Tuberculosis** control programs. The Government is also supporting a mobile clinic which does outreach work every day.

The medical student elective program is very popular and we are booked up for this year. 4 MPH students from Harvard had a 2 week posting here. Their feedback was very positive.

The Dental Programme has been active with two young dentists Manju and Mahato having joined the team.

The participation of the community as well as that of friends, visitors and medical students has been heartening, infusing fresh energy into the work.

Salary Rs	Male	Female
< 5000	7	22
5 - 10000	1	2
10 - 25000	2	1

Highest salary: Rs. 10,500/month for Coordinator

Lowest salary: Rs. 1,800 /month for Junior-most staff.

Secretary is the head of the organisation. He was not paid no remuneration this year.

List of Ashwini's Executive Committee Members in 2006-07			
No	Name	Position	Remuneration Paid
1	Mr. K.Radhakrishnan	President	Nil
2	Mr. K.T.Subramanian	Secretary	Nil
3	Mr. T.K.Ayyappan	Treasurer	Nil

### International travel

Mr.Subramanium, Secretary of Ashwini visited Germany. His visit was sponsored by our support group in Germany, the Adivasi Tee Projekt. Total cost incurred for this trip was Rs. 40186/-

## **Financial Statements**

### **Auditor's Report**

"We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes, examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our Audit.

The Receipts and Payments Account, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of accounts."

J.Mathew & Co., Chartered Accountants, Udhagamandalam

Receipts	
O / B of current assets	5272693.26
Hospital Income	1079593.50
Insurance Reimbursement	612719.00
Charities Advisory Trust	6861968.00
Sir Ratan Tata Trust	1400000.00
Government	453025.00
Premium Collected	178070.00
Building Fund	1748701.00
Medical Student Electives	996979.00
Other Donations / Receipts	716944.04
Fixed Deposit matured	64747.00
Advances refunded	22588.00
Total	19408027.80

Payments	
Mobile Outreach programme	38249.50
TB & HIV Control programme	414400.60
Curative & Preventive Care	2580509.17
Capital Expenditures	503449.00
Good Gifts Programme	1770801.30
Mental Health Project	1118710.45
Health Insurance Premium	560480.00
Medical Student Electives	327346.50
Fixed Deposit made	66425.00
Advances given	314739.50
C / B of current assets	11712916.78
Total	19408027.80

# Income and Expenditure Account Incomes

Total Incomes	4177460.32
Excess of Expenditure over income	216101.77
Other incomes	74195.05
Premium Collection	178070.00
Grant from SRTT	1400000.00
Donations	163756.00
Government Grants	453025.00
Insurance Reimbursement	612719.00
Income from Hospital & Subcentres	1079593.50

#### **Expenditures**

Operational and Programme Costs	1772518.67
Mobile Outreach Programme	38249.50
TB Control Programme	41605.00
HIV Control Programme	372795.60
Insurance & Mental Health Programme	1679190.45
Depreciation	273101.10
Total Expenditures	4177460.32

# Balance Sheet Assets

Fixed Assets	3983558.95
Program Advances	353483.50
Rent Deposit	70200.00
Fixed Deposits	6196576.71
Cash in Hand	151263.54
Bank	5431501.53
Total Assets	16186584.23

#### Liabilities

Capital Fund	3589316.41
Corpus Fund	1131022.00
Health Care Fund	6971965.05
Medical Insurance Fund	68921.00
Gratuity Fund	256313.71
Diabetic Fund	352298.07
Mental Medicine Fund	115000.00
Amenities Fund	1600.00
Building Fund	1720685.00
Bank Interest Fund	190321.99
Depreciation reserve	1775497.00
Provident Fund Payable	13644.00
Total Liabilities	16186584.23

**Note**: a) Accounts are maintained on Cash Basis.

b) Please write, if you want a copy of the detailed audited statement of accounts.

## Thank you all for your continued support

For credit card donations on line go to <a href="https://www.ashwini.org">www.ashwini.org</a> (US donors get tax exemption)

Online donations can also be made through www.GiveIndia.org- Donation option 'Health'

US Checks (tax deductible) can be made out to Vidyalay.org Foundation Inc and mailed to Ms. Asmita Shendye, 35 Meyer Drive, Clifton, NJ 07012

In the UK, checks can be made out to Charities Advisory Trust, Radius Works, Back Lane, Hampstead, London NW31HL Donations can be "gift aided"

Checks can be mailed directly to ASHWINI, P.O.Box 20, Gudalur-643212, Nilgiris, TN

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