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ASHWINI's vision is to have a health programme for the tribals of the Gudalur Valley that is accessible, acceptable and owned by the tribal community. We believe that ownership of institutions helps in empowering communities.

The last year was one of growth. Construction of the new building for the Gudalur Adivasi Hospital was in full swing. There was a lot of excitement as the first block was nearing completion. Volunteers from villages as well as staff did a number of "work camps". The team spirit was remarkable and the sense of ownership of the community was very visible.

Particulars	Total	Tribal	Non-tribal
Outpatients GAH	21693	10679	11014
OP Area centre	9242	9242	---
Inpatients	1616	1369	247
GAH deliveries	225	179	46
Surgeries	349	167	182
Dental OP		1449	

The patient profile: There was a significant increase in the number of both In Patients and Out Patients this year. The dental wing has also been more active with Drs Manju and Mahantu being here full time.

Health Indicators: 66% of 312 deliveries among tribal women were in hospital this year. This is a notable achievement, considering that only a handful would come for antenatal care just a few years ago.

Unfortunately, one mother died in delivery. Shantha with twins had been transferred to Coimbatore Medical College for delivery. She died of bleeding there - a totally unacceptable maternal death! There were 11 Infant deaths this year, making the Infant Mortality Rate 38.7/1000, well below the Indian rate of 67/1000. The Community Mental Health Program is a true success story, many families have been helped. There is a very high level of awareness about mental illness in the community. 227 patients are on treatment.

Government Programs: The Tamil Nadu Government continues to support In-Patient care through the "Bed Grant program".

The mobile clinic makes daily visits to the villages with the health animators. 7558 patients were seen. 3068 people were screened this year for sickle cell disease. Currently, 180 patients are on treatment. The HIV testing and counselling centre is also fully functional. The TANSACS team with the project director Supriya Sahu visited ASHWINI to understand the problems faced by the tribal communities and to plan interventions.



The Medical Student Elective Program, supported by Charities Advisory Trust, UK is very popular. 12 students from different countries participated this year.

The Adivasi Munnetra Sangam membership has increased to 16057 people (2598 families).

Five New Trainees have joined the program to be trained as nurses. The two from the previous batch are taking on a lot of responsibility now. Indicorps volunteer, **Abirami** trained this new batch, besides putting together an elaborate “Nursing Manual”. **Dr.Clement**, who worked with us for 2 years, has completed his rural bond and gone for higher studies.

The **Dr. K.S Sanjivi Award** for Best Institution in 2008 was given to ASHWINI by CIOSA and Udhavum Ullangal, Chennai.

New Building Construction: The first block is nearing completion, the canteen has been completed. Work on the meeting hall and the resident doctors’ quarters have been kept in abeyance due to lack of funds. We need another 16,00,000 (32,000\$) to finish this. Your generous support was reason for our getting this far. **Do help us to complete the project.**



Work Camp at the construction site in progress

Many individual donors, friends and organisations like SRTT, Give India, Charities Advisory Trust, Skillshare International, Think India Foundation, Tribal India Health Foundation, ATMA USA and the Government of Tamil Nadu supported us this year.

Thank you all for your continued support

Financial Statements

Salary Rs	Male	Female
< 5000	10	17
5 - 10000	1	14
10 - 25000	2	1
>25000		1

Name	Position	Remuneration
Mr.K.Radhakrishnan	President	Nil
Mr. K.T.Subramanian	Secretary	Nil
Mr. T.K.Ayyappan	Treasurer	Nil

Receipts & Payments Statement of 2008-2009*

Receipts		Payments	
Income from Patients	1571289.00	Outreach programmes	364052.00
Insurance Reimbursement	265514.00	Hospital Operational costs	2046135.00
Charities Advisory Trust	1794957.00	Salaries, PF, Gratuity	2854072.66
Skillshare International	228256.00	Capital Expenditures	4119987.00
Government	3390874.00	Good Gifts Programme	2933147.00
Premium Collected	148065.00	Health Education & Training	66944.50
Building Fund	2938033.56	Medical Student Elective Program	204309.50
Corpus Fund	52279.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	26826.72
Give Foundation	49905.00		
Sickle Cell Project Receipts	288376.00		
Medical Student Electives	89195.64		
Other Donations	23775.00		
Other Receipts	881982.43		
Total	11722501.63	Total	12615474.38

Income & Expenditure Statement of 2008-2009*

INCOMES		EXPENDITURES	
Income from Patients	1571289.00	Outreach programmes	271120.50
Insurance Reimbursement	265514.00	Hospital Operational costs	2020806.00
Government	3390874.00	Salaries, PF, Gratuity	2553585.66
Premium Collected	148065.00	Health Education & Training	66944.50
Bank Interest	155629.00	Medical Student Elective Program	19697.00
Other Donations	61100.00	Depreciation	288047.01
Other Receipts	68346.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	26826.72
		Excess of Income over Expenses	413789.61
Total	5660817.00	Total	5660817.00

Balance Sheet as on 31.3.2009*

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Capital Fund	12383061.02	Fixed Assets	11731109.95
Corpus Fund	1183301.00	Program Advances	600995.00
Health Care Fund	4997066.79	Fixed Deposits	9416315.14
Gratuity Fund	335251.71	Cash in Hand	67988.68
Diabetic Fund	352298.07	Cash in Bank	1699635.31
Mental Medicine Fund	115000.00		
Other Liabilities	29620.00		
Building Fund	293850.56		
Bank Interest Fund	1473683.42		
Depreciation reserve	2352911.51		
Total	23516044.08	Total	23516044.08

* Unaudited Accounts. Detailed audited statement of accounts is available on request.

* Accounts are maintained on Cash Basis

* Auditors : J.Mathew & Co., Chartered Accountants, Udhagamandalam

<p>Highest salary: Rs.27500/month for doctor. Lowest salary: Rs.2100 /month for Junior-most staff. Secretary is the head of the organisation. He was not paid any remuneration this year.</p>	<p>International travel: Dr Nandakumar and Mr Sreedharan visited Canada for a Global Conference on TB among indigenous communities. The total expense of Rs140000 was funded by The Assembly of First Nations. Travel within India: Various staff members attended meetings at Chennai and Udhagai organised by the Government of TN, Skillshare International etc. Total expense of 48665.50 was spent by ASHWINI.</p>
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US Checks (tax deductible) can be routed through Vidyalay.org Foundation Inc and mailed to Ms.Asmita Shendye, 35 Meyer Drive, Clifton, NJ 07012 or through Tribal India Health Foundation, c/o Hari Prabhakar, 6407 Wrenwood Drive, Dallas, TX 75252. U.S.A.

Donations can be wire transferred directly to ASHWINI's State Bank of India account. Indian donations to 11317309532 and Foreign donations to 11317309429

ASHWINI is also listed with GiveIndia for Online donations. www.giveindia.org

Donations in India are tax exempt under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act.