



TRIBAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Sittilingi, Dharmapuri Dist;
Tamil Nadu 636 906

An appeal.....

Helping tribals heal themselves



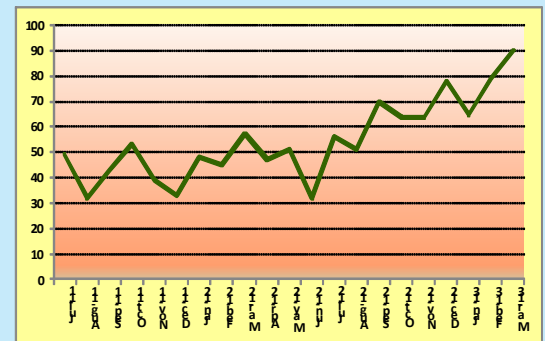
Tribal Health Initiative started in 1993 when a doctor couple started health work in the remote forested area of the Sittilingi Valley. The population was 95% tribal and the health indicators abysmal. Over the years, from a mud and thatch hut, it has grown to a full fledged 24 bed secondary care hospital which caters to a population of about 80,000 - 70% of whom are tribals and the rest mostly scheduled castes. This is supported by a comprehensive community health program in 33 villages which drastically changed the health profile of the area. We also support a farming, craft and technological initiatives for improving the livelihoods of the tribals

By 2010, the Tamil Nadu Government, appreciating our service to the tribals, have for the past 3 years included us in the TNHSP [tribal sub plan] scheme where any tribal can seek inpatient treatment including

surgery and childbirth **FREE**. This has seen an increasing number of tribals from 4 districts [Dharmapuri, Salem, Tiruvannamalai and Villipuram] seek relief. We have a surgeon, anesthetist, gynecologist and other junior doctors for their service. Any such free secondary care is only available 100km away in Salem. We have seen an increasing number of tribal patients coming from even very remote villages now to access this care. With the availability of a surgeon we have started doing advanced surgery with support from blood banks in Salem. This is free, and the large tribal population is availing of it – they no longer have to go to Salem for this.

Our dream is that any poor tribal even from the most remote village should have the most modern treatment available at their doorstep. We have the land and the expert personnel for this and we need your help to make this dream come true. By helping to support all or part of the building and the equipment you will help heal our tribal patients even while you live distant from here. You will join other concerned citizens and become a Friend of Sittilingi [FOS]. You could contribute to building this facility or support for the equipment.

We need a new larger and modern Operation Theatre and at least 10 more beds to cater to this surge. The Government too is urging us to renew our theatre, since it does not meet their “standards” [even though our infection rates are far below statistics from corporate hospitals].



Steady increase in patients



Surgery in present OT

Our budget is

Operation Theatre and support beds - Rs. 15,00,000/- [@Rs 1500/ sq ft]

Equipment for OT & beds - Rs. 5,00,000/-

Yes, you could make a difference by supporting to build a modern Operation Theatre for tribals in the Sittilingi Valley

Cheques/DD may be made in the head 'TRIBAL HEALTH INITIATIVE', payable at SBI, Kotapatty [Br.no.6244] or ICICI, Salem

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