



Our New Associate - Partner

Karuna Trust



Karuna Trust, established in the year 1986 is located at Biligiri Rangana Hills in Chamarajanagar district of Karnataka. Its vision is for a society in which institution strives to provide an equitable and integrated model of health, education and livelihoods by empowering marginalized people to be self-reliant. The Trust aims to reach out to those who are poor in the remote and inaccessible areas, hilly and tribal regions, Naxalite and insurgency areas with poor roads, no phone and electrical connectivity.

Karuna Trust has pioneered and implemented a successful Public-Private-Partnership model that helps leverage the government's significant investment in public health care infrastructure by complementing it with a socially committed, not-for-profit but professionally competent management team. With a prime objective of 'Reaching the Unreached' to provide health care to the underserved and the poor in the remote areas, Karuna Trust continues to serve the community it has been serving with renewed vigor and dedication.

Primary healthcare, education, sustainable livelihoods, and advocacy have been the prime focus areas of Karuna Trust. The interventions of Karuna Trust have been consistently through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model which was initially piloted in collaboration with the Government of Karnataka in 1996. Karuna Trust today reaches out to over 1.3 million people through direct management of 60 PHCs in 7 states of India including North-Eastern states, 2 Mobile Health Units, 1 Eye Hospital and the 1 First Referral Unit with over 2,000 dedicated healthcare professionals serving the poor in areas where health care has hardly reached.

Livelihoods support programmes are implemented through Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in T.Narasipura and in BR hills. About 200 SHGs are in place and are involved in Non Timber Forest Product (NTFP) activities. These activities are related to apiary, rock bees honey collection, dairy development, soap-nut powder, churna preparations, turmeric powder, pickles making etc. These income generation activities were supported by Ministry of Tribal affairs in skill building training programs and establishing the marketing outlets of the indigenous products.

The *Soliga Abhivruddhi Sangas* formed by Karuna Trust are managed by the communities themselves. With the support of TATA Trust, we are running the homes for the elderly comprising of men and women.

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