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LifeWise HelpLine and Network

- A Semester 3 MSRUAS Human Rights Assignment

1. Introduction (short summary)

Today all over the world, the problem of ensuring food and shelter for the poor, deprived, orphaned and deserted is still unimaginable.

Food and Shelter for all (a torn page as yet in the diary of life)

2. Article/section (UDHR) – definition, meaning

Article/section (UDHR) : Food and Shelter for all (Act 25)

Interpretation: The government of India via its machinery must ensure that all citizens of India can avail of food & shelter by personal investment or by government support. This right may be more applicable to the poorer, deprived or shelter-less sections of the society.

3. Recent issue faced in India

Scope and current issue: The scope of the project is to question as to why do (poor, orphaned or homeless) **young** and the (other fruitition of life) **old people** suffer from a lack of secure means of availing food and shelter.

4. Beginnings

1st Channel of interaction: In this bidding to answer or find an answer to this question, we have visited an orphanage called Aasare Foundation Trust Orphanage in Lagger, Bengaluru.

Aim of the trust: The aim of this trust is to uphold the right of orphans and deprived children (boys) to avail of a secure means to food and shelter

With due consent, students of MSRUAS visited this orphanage and interacted with the children.

2nd Channel of interaction: In this bidding to answer or find an answer to this question, the Old age home called Maneyangala Od Age Home in Vyalikaval Bengaluru was also visited.

Management body: This old age home is being managed by the Hitesh Mahila Maneyangala Trust, with the binding to serve old people either via a dare care centre or old age home. The sense of involvement seen in this old age home is “encouraging”.

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Aim of the trust: The aim of this trust is to uphold the right of old people to avail of a secure means to food and shelter when their own cannot personally interact for this, or when they find themselves physically, mentally or financially ineffective to act on their own.

With due consent, the official contact and link to the website is being provided to understand more about this trust.

Website: www.hmmtrust.org

5. Problem

- a. The aforesaid orphanage, old aged home and all the remaining trusts are a small part of the expected solution.
- b. There is no dedicated network to implement a solution or interconnected services for the Food and Shelter for all (Act 25)
- c. There is no sustainable funding model for these orphanages and old aged homes.
- d. The larger problem is that there are multiple thousands of children and old people who cannot reach out for help or access the services of this kind.

Methods of fund raising for these trusts:

The trusts encourage people who are connected to the cause directly or as fund providers to contribute via the following channels:

1. Applicable Donation or Payment for services rendered
2. Funds for improving the extent and quality of service
3. Funds to provide more current, more safe and high quality amenities
4. Funds to help the Trust achieve more success in its vision

Known and projected problems faced

1. Limited visibility and lack of commitment by fund providers to help the trust grow to meet its vision.
2. Need to provide children with reading glasses, hearing aids, other medical assistance
3. Inability to house sick or bed ridden elders
4. Unpredictable dependency to find or rely on professional medical assistance to help in case of sudden need

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All this is a part solution to the problem:

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6. Methodology (better implementation)

As the first step to widening the approach to solving this problem:

A. Bring awareness that people (of weak, deprived or shelter less sections of the society) can seek intervention for their right to food and shelter.

B. To do this, setup and announce the presence of a LifeWise Help Line, that permits seekers or interested people to call in to understand more about this act or the means to seek assistance.

C. Register the people seeking help or requesting for assistance, with a registered LifeWise ID number that can be used all over India, to state the expectation to utilize the Food and Shelter Act.

D. Record the availability of government machinery, facilities or funded machinery, facilities like this trust to provide different levels of services to such people.

E. Refer the seekers to these known organizations, institutions or trusts on the basis of evaluation of adequacy or fitfulness.

F. Resultantly ensure that the seekers get the services they seek either via their own funding or via LifeWise funding (that can be raised via government provisioning or private intervention).

G. Complete all end-to-end information processing and official journaling for the people seeking assistance and for the machinery serving in different capacities.

As the NEXT step to widening the approach to solving this problem:

A. Reach out to schools, colleges, educational and training institutions to act on this behalf, where this could let more children or their associated circles know about the sustainable aim to provide veritable (true to the purpose) food and shelter to the young.

The expectation is that, this could encourage deprived, orphaned children or children from shelter-less families to seek assistance and also enrol themselves for education, and achieve intervention for their right to food and shelter.

B. Reach out to businesses or organizations registered with these educational institutions as employers, education partners or knowledge partners, to ensure they help this LifeWise programme in the most apt manner.

C. Reach out to banks, post offices, insurance providing companies or pension management agencies to help people approaching them to know more about this LifeWise programme in the most apt manner. Enable referrals at this level to help the aged help the not-so-self-equipped aged.

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D. Reach out to healthcare providers, visiting consultants who can intervene or assist this LifeWise programme in the most apt manner.

7. Solution (*outcome of the better implementation*)

Finally, as the sustainable step

Channelize information, requirements, estimations or numbers available to the government to raise awareness to network further and develop more life supporting infrastructure and services.

8. Conclusion

Reasoning:

God in his wisdom can sense the worry and woe that is part of man's life, so the need is to remember God's presence and fulfil our duties to do the higher bidding, that is, help our fellow human beings in whatever manner we can.

Developing life supporting networks, infrastructure and services is a need of the hour today than ever before.

NOTE: The LifeWise website is escalating this issue to further the need for a better framework with concerned authorities.

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9. References and additional sources of information

1. A book titled Human Rights by Dr H.O. Agarwal

2. Akaash Open Enterprise Centre (AOEC) has different toolkit offerings to help sustainable development and growth. It is reaching out to civic bodies, organizations and educational institutions to promote these insights.

You can ask for more details by calling the consultant on +91 9342867666 or by emailing venkataoec@gmail.com

3. You can refer to different proof of concept web sites for details on the gap analysis done by AOEC

URL: <http://www.venkataoec.wixsite.com/consciousacts>

URL: <http://www.venkataoec.wixsite.com/sankeytankwellness>

(enabling wellness and respect for life via a Secure Your Life mainline vision and a Companion Card)

URL <http://www.venkataoec.wixsite.com/safercommuting>

URL: <http://www.venkataoec.wixsite.com/ccmaforagriculture> (enabling a sense of doership and ownership in agriculturists for mitigating climate change and economic dynamics, introducing the need for agriculturists to instrospect about people welfare measures)

URL: <http://www.venkataoec.wixsite.com/autonomics> (for the involvement that has created life as it is today?)