

M. A. Kumar Raja

Joint Secretary

CDS-APARD

Qualifications:

1. M.A (Gold Medalist) in Sociology from Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.
2. M.Phil in Sociology (Child Health) from Central University, Hyderabad.
3. Passed National Eligibility Test for lecturers conducted by UGC.
4. Certificate in Participatory Rural Development from NIRD, Hyderabad.
5. Pursuing Ph.D. in Sociology (Disability Studies) from Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur.

Certifications/Trainings:

Attended trainings in the following institutes:

1. Administrative Training at Dr. MCR HRD Institute, Hyderabad.
2. Training on rehabilitation of Disabled at National Institute for Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad, Aliyaver Jung National Institute for Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai, National Institute for Visually Handicapped, Dehradun, Vocational Rehabilitation Centre, Hyderabad and Association for Welfare of Handicapped, Calicut.
3. Training on Watershed Development at Engineering Staff College of India, Hyderabad and Watershed Development Trust, Ahmednagar.
4. Training on Promotion of Self Help Groups and Rural Livelihoods at MYRADA (NGO), Holalkare (Karnataka).
5. Training on Empowerment of Youth and Rural Development Programmes at National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad.

Areas of Specialization & Competence:

Socio-Cultural aspects of Child Health, Universalization of Elementary Education (including education of Child Labour/Children with special needs), Rehabilitation of Disabled persons, Promotion of Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Rural Livelihoods, Community mobilization and Peoples participation (including participatory rural appraisal) in Development programmes and Social Audit, Office Administration and Accounting procedure.

Experience:

Having more than 14 years experience in implementation of Development and Welfare programmes.

1. Joint Secretary, Centre for Development Studies-APARD from 01-10-2008 to till date.

Contributed in preparation of Contract Recruitment Policy of APARD with categorization of required positions, prescribed qualifications and remuneration.

2. Centre Head, Centre for Natural Resource Management, AMR-A.P. Academy of Rural Development, Hyderabad from 9-10-2007 to 30-09-2008.

Contributed in the preparation of Modules for Capacity Building in Rural Development (3 volumes) published by APARD.

Contributed in the preparation of Modules and Films on NREGS under UNDP project.
Contributed in the Capacity Building of NREGS functionaries.

3. Addl. Project Co-ordinator, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, West Godavari District from 24.03.2006 to 06.07.2007.

Stood state first in the test conducted for filling up the posts of APC, SSA on deputation.

Introduced system of Habitation In-charges (Teachers) for making habitations free of out of school children in West Godavari District.

4. Assistant Director, Disabled Welfare, Ananthapur District from 27-09-2003 to 23-03-2006.

Contributed for the Rehabilitation of Disabled through District Disability Rehabilitation Centre programme of Govt. of India.

5. Assistant Project Officer (M&E), DPAP & Assistant Project Director(FAC), A.P. Rural Livelihoods Programme, District Water Management Agency, Kurnool District from 11-06-2002 to 24-09-2003.

Organized District Capacity Building Center with multiple team of professionals of Social Mobilization, Gender, Monitoring & Evaluation, Productivity Enhancement and Micro Enterprises.

Worked as Project Implementing Agency (P.I.A.) for Watersheds in Kodumur & C. Belegal Mandals during the above period.

7. Assistant Director, Disabled Welfare, Kurnool District from 30-07-1999 to 19-02-2002.

Organized Mandal level multipurpose camps for Disabled persons for issue of Medical Certificates, Railway Concession, Bus Passes and Economic Assistance.

8. Assistant Director, Disabled Welfare & Project Director (FAC), National Child Labour Project, Khammam District from 03-07-1997 to 11-02-1999.

Organized Child Labour Schools especially in Tribal areas of Khammam District.

9. Assistant Director, Disabled Welfare, Warangal District from 23-04-1994 to 02-07-1997.

Provided scholarships and appliances for Disabled persons.

Accomplishments:

1. During my tenure as Addl. Project Co-ordinator, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, West Godavari District, **Country's 2nd Best District Award** has been given to West Godavari District in the year 2006 by the **National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, Govt., of India** for the activities taken up for Education and Rehabilitation of Disabled under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme.
2. During my tenure as Asst. Director, Disabled Welfare, Anantapur District in the year 2005-06, State Government recognized Anantapur as State's best District in the rehabilitation of Disabled and recommended for National Award of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India and for National Award of the National Trust, New Delhi.
3. During my tenure as Asst. Director, Disabled Welfare, Kurnool District in the year 1999-2000, conducted training and exposure visit for representatives of 13 countries of Asia and Pacific region in Kurnool District on "Poverty alleviation of rural disabled persons" in coordination with NIRD, Hyderabad
4. During my tenure as Project Director, National Child Labour Project, Khammam District during 1997-1999, I updated all the records and accounts totally pending since inception of the project (2 years before my tenure) and submitted progress reports and audit reports of the past period to Govt. of India which appreciated me in writing.
5. During my tenure as Asst. Director, Disabled Welfare, Warangal District during 1994-1997, Director, Welfare of Handicapped appreciated me in writing for getting 25 A.G. Audit objections of my predecessors dropped at a time.

Publications:

1. Paper on "Integrated Education of Disabled Children – A case study of Veldurthy Mandal" was presented at **UNDP-NIMH National Conference on Support to Children with Disabilities** at Hyderabad on 28-29, June 2004.
2. Paper on "Rehabilitation plan for child labour in Khammam District" was submitted for **ILO-IPA workshop** at New Delhi held in April, 1999.

3. Paper on "Causes and prevention of childhood disabilities" was presented for workshop on "Prevention of Child-hood Disabilities" held at Hyderabad organized by UNICEF and Directorate for Welfare of Handicapped on 27.07.1995

Associations:

1. Guest Faculty to National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad
2. Associate of Basic Needs (NGO), Bangalore.
3. Advisor to SACRED (NGO), Ananthapur.
4. Founder of Forum of NGOs for Disabled Welfare, Kurnool District.
5. Honorary member of Samatha Seva Samithi (NGO), Rajahmundry.

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