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Managing Director and CEO's Message, Essar Steel India Limited

Dear Readers,

Modern steelmaking and its extent are symbolic of any country's development. While steelmakers are major players in accelerating a nation's economic advancement, their business growth is getting more and more converged with the local area progress. This is now also backed by the legal mandate on corporate social responsibility in India.

Essar Steel's standing in both national and global arena as a steel producer of repute is not just based on the world-class products it offers but also its socio-economic contributions among neighboring communities. Essar Steel, Hazira's bouquet of social initiatives is determined in accordance with the peculiar needs of the area. Essar Steel, Hazira merges the collective strengths of varied stakeholders including NGO partners, district administration and above all the local populace to create a developmental sweet-spot ensuing in the region's progress.

The CSR initiatives of Essar Steel, Hazira focus on bringing about transformational changes in villages around its facility. To this end, a stringent process of needs assessment and stakeholder consultation are integral to Essar Steel, Hazira's CSR approach. A slew of activities, which have been zeroed in as an outcome of the aforementioned process comprise health, education, skill development and sports promotion. Prominent among the efforts in Hazira are health camps, school enrollment improvement through support to 'Shala Pravesh Utsav' & scholarships to meritorious students, expansion of Essar Lok Vikas Kendras for skill development and renovation of ponds. The efforts are crucial for equalizing socio-economic opportunities for communities in proximity.

This report details the significant positive impacts made in the communities around Essar Steel, Hazira's operation over the last year. At the same time, we are always focused on improving our work. Hence, we request to point to us opportunities for improvement, which you may notice while going through this report.

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About Essar Steel

Essar Steel in Gujarat comprises a fully integrated world-class steel facility in Hazira. The complex in Hazira is India's largest single-location flat steel plant. Built with a total investment of over Rs. 300 billion, it has a steel-making capacity of 10 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). This highly integrated and modern complex with a complete infrastructure set up is home to some of the most sophisticated manufacturing facilities and steel making processes.

The facility also houses a 6.8 MTPA sponge iron plant (the world's largest gas-based sponge iron plant in a single location). Essar Steel has established a 1.5 MTPA plate mill, a 0.6 MTPA pipe mill and a 1.4 MTPA cold rolling complex at Hazira to enhance its portfolio.

The Essar Steel Hazira complex has a comprehensive infrastructure set up, including power plants, lime and oxygen plants, a township and a captive port that can handle capsized vessels, and is equipped with modern handling equipment. This inclusion makes the complex entirely self-sufficient eliminating dependency on external inputs and forms the core of Essar Steel's integrated processes. This ensures that Essar Steel is always able to maintain a strategic and competitive edge in an ever-changing and ever-growing market.

The Hazira complex is certified with ISO: 9001:2000, IS 9002 and TUV certifications, ISO 140001 and India Chiller Energy Efficiency Project (ICEEP) Protocol compliance.

Stakeholder Coverage

Health

70,694

Infrastructure

15,758

Livelihoods

2,467

Education

7,776

Women's
Empowerment

1,254

Sports
Development

9,318

Odisha

61,256

Chhattisgarh

25,244

Andhra Pradesh

3,892

Maharashtra

4,681

Gujarat

12,194

Key Achievements and Cumulative Figures

The Financial Year (FY) 2016-17 continued to build on the momentum of 'innovative', 'partnership oriented' and 'setting benchmarks' mode set earlier. The duration witnessed a wide range of interventions across Essar Steel India Limited (ESIL) locations. From remote villages to district headquarters, the Foundation successfully reached out to a broad spectrum of stakeholders.

In the time period from April 2016 to March 2017, the Foundation reached out to 1,07,267 people directly. The health interventions alone catered to 70,694 people through a mobile medical van at Paradeep; two health centers and Telkoi Hospital facility at Keonjhar; health camps in Hazira and remote villages of Sukma, Malkangiri and Dantewada districts. The highlight of the period was Essar's last year's collaboration with New Civil Hospital, Surat to set up Gujarat's first Hemophilia Care Centre, completed one year and has been converted into a 24x7 facility. The Mobile Medical Unit (MMU), which caters the health needs of local tribal communities in Sukma, Dantewada and Malkangiri districts, continues to provide consistent health services along with awareness sessions on various health issues. The MMU is being operated in partnership with Hindustan Latex Family Planning Promotion Trust (HLFPPT), an NGO that specializes in health services. The MMU comprising a Doctor, Nurse, Lab Technician and an Outreach Worker reaches to 31 remote villages.

Besides, other important intervention was infrastructure development, which covered 15,758 people mainly through water provision and some renovation work. Education activities covered more than 7,776 students during the period through a range of activities comprising scholarships and awareness sessions.

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1,07,267

Odisha Operations

Paradeep



Health

The Tele-ophthalmology Center at Biju Memorial Hospital in Paradeep has become a trusted source for vision care in the area. The Center uses Tele-ophthalmology by leveraging telemedicine technology to offer vision care consultation service to patients from remote locations. During the period, 579 people availed the services of this center.

The Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) is an important intervention of the Essar Foundation in Paradeep. Since its inception in 2012, the service is locally identified as the dependable rural primary health outreach platform. OPD services to 10 villages are being provided through primary health care services and medication on continued basis. Most of the villages are located 4-12 km away from the Government run health institutions. Hence, MMU provides much needed health services in this backdrop. The MMU team comprises an MBBS doctor, a certified pharmacist, a trained community health mobilizer and a lady attendant. For the duration, 9,970 people availed the services of the MMU. The maximum cases pertained to upper respiratory tract infection, arthritis, diabetes and skin infection.

A health checkup and awareness camp was organized on menstrual hygiene for adolescent girls in Nuagarh village, Paradeep on 16th July, 2016. In addition, a health checkup was done and nutrient supplements were provided to 30 girls during the camp. A health awareness camp on Malaria and Dengue prevention was also held at various neighbouring locations in Paradeep in July and August 2016. The camp was a part of the district-wide campaign monitored by Chief District Medical Officer, Jagatsinghpur. Through these camps, 605 people were reached.

Essar Foundation observed World Breast Feeding Day by organising an event in Paradeepgarh village in Paradeep on 4th August, 2016. The programme focused on generating awareness and garnering support for breastfeeding among local woman. 80 women, including local self-help group (SHG) members, expecting mothers, Anganwadi workers and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) workers and the CSR team participated in the event. All these events were held by the MMU team.

A health checkup and awareness camp was organized on menstrual hygiene for the adolescent girls in Chakradharapur village, Paradeep on 5th November, 2016. The MMU team led this special awareness programme on personal hygiene among women and girls. 68 girls participated in the camp. The ANMs



(health workers), Anganwadi and ASHA workers attended the program.

Essar Foundation under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan launched “Hand washing Campaign” on 26th November, 2016 to cover anganwadi centers, primary and middle schools in the villages in vicinity of Essar Steel India Limited, Paradeep. The campaign ended in January 2017. The campaign covered 7 anganwadi centers at Nuagarh, Musadiha, Singitali, Chakardharpur, Barei, Bhimanashi and Ghorodi village reaching out to 412 children and parents. The doctor and paramedical staff demonstrated the exact way to wash the hands to the children.

250 students of UGUP School, Paradeepgarh participated in Swachh Bharat Campaign organized by Essar Foundation on 10th December, 2016. The program started with rally by the students and on the way, the students made local people aware about safe environment and good sanitation.

A two day yoga camp was organized at Kujanga College, Kujanga in Jagatsinghpur district on 19th and 20th November, 2016. 150 students from 17 colleges participated in the camp. The camp was inaugurated by Dr. Pravas Ranjan Pani, Principal, Kujang College. The participants were briefed on importance of Yoga in leading a healthy and peaceful life.

A campaign in support of Swachh Bharat was organized on 27th February, 2017. 150 women from Bhutamundai participated in the campaign. The women made the villagers aware about healthy environment and good sanitation practices.

Education

Essar Foundation organized a teachers felicitation program to mark Teacher's Day in Paradeep. 130 teachers from 19 nearby schools were honored at a programme organized at Gobinda Chandra High School, Nuagarh, Paradeep in September 2016.

Livelihood

A Tailoring & Stitching Center is operated by Essar Foundation at Balidia village of Nuagarh Gram Panchayat in Kujanga Block near Paradeep. The Center imparts training to local women in apparel production. Two batches of 10 members each are being run, which comprise a batch of girls and another of women and SHG members. Monthly examination was conducted for the current batch by stitching center instructor. Regular monitoring and evaluation is carried out for smooth functioning of the Center. The trainees who have passed the course are now engaged in the Stitching Center and are stitching clothes to generate incomes.

In continuation of the livelihood programmes under Project Ajeevika, Mushroom cultivation trainings and field demonstrations were carried out for 60 women of Pipal and Paradeepgarh villages. 367 mushroom beds were prepared which yielded 551 Kg. of production. The seeds and necessary support were given to these growers. After selling the produce, the return was Rs 49,590 on investment made of Rs 15,510. The efforts are going on to reach out more progressive farmers and interested SHGs to start commercial selling of the produce through market linkages.

Conceived as a means to encourage self-employment among the youth and women of the surrounding communities, Essar Foundation conducted a day long "Rural Entrepreneurship Development Awareness Program" on 8th April, 2016 at Rajiv Seva Sadan, Bhutamundai Panchayat, Paradeep. The objective of the program was to help the local SHGs women in product identification, bank/financial linkage, raw material sourcing and marketing. The officials of leading institutions and banks in the area including the UCO bank, United Bank of India, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Rural



Self-Employment Training Institute, Odisha Livelihoods Mission, from Jagatsinghpur were invited by Essar Foundation to speak at the program. 84 SHG leaders and members participated in the program. The program saw an assurance from banks and institutions to provide financial linkage and training to the participating SHGs.

23 SHG members from Pipal village attended a food processing training at Rural Self-Employment Training Institute, Jagatsinghpur. The training was for six days starting from 18th April to 23rd April, 2016. The training included theory as well as practical demonstration. The training part also included time and marketing management skills, bank lending schemes/Government schemes, business plan preparation and launching formalities.

26 SHG members were given three day training on pickle, sauce, badi and papad making. These women are keen to take up as income generation activities.

Women Empowerment

Acknowledging the need for a Resource Center for local adolescent girls, Essar Foundation operates four TEEN Circles in Jagatsinghpur, which have 202 girl members in age group of 13 to 19 years. The Circles aim to facilitate social, psychological and physical development of adolescent girls through recreational activities and create opportunities for skills enhancement including beauticians' training. The beauticians' training is currently underway. Yoga classes continued during in the morning for the Teen members. The classes are being conducted for four days in a week. A group of young girls from Paradeepgarh participated in an event held to mark International Yoga Day on 21st July, 2016. The participants were from the TEEN Circle members. There were 60 participants in the program. The participants were briefed on importance of Yoga in leading a healthy and peaceful life. Dance classes were also started in December 2016 at Pipal, Balidia, Paradeepgarh and Nuagarh villages with teen circle members.



Infrastructure

Three bore wells have been done at Bhimanashi and Ghordi village. Solar Pump will be installed and pipeline will be laid for making the drinking water supply functional.

Events

Essar Foundation celebrated the 70th Independence Day in 19 schools covering four High schools and three UGME schools of three Gram Panchayats of Paradeep area namely Nuagarh, Paradeepgarh and Bhutmundai. The Foundation organized debate, drawing and song competitions for school students in which 185 students participated and successful students were awarded with prizes and certificate of appreciation.

Essar Steel joined hands with District Administration of Jagatsinghpur to celebrate the Independence Day function at Jagatsinghpur. Shri Ashok Chandra Panda, Minister of Tourism & Culture, Government of Odisha hoisted the National Flag. For the third time, Essar Steel, Paradeep took part by displaying its tableau, showcasing its CSR initiatives and its impact. The tableau also showcased the Swatch Bharat initiatives. Essar also provided fruit packets to 250 patients in the District Headquarter Hospital, Jagatsinghpur.

Essar Foundation celebrated 68th Republic Day on the premises of 19 schools in 12 periphery villages of Essar Steel, Paradeep with zeal and zest. The team organized a range of events to mark the occasion. The Foundation organized drawing, debate and song competitions for the students which were held in four High Schools from 21st-24th January, 2017. Awards were given to students with top performance. The event covered 4,000 students and people.

The International Women Day was celebrated at Paradeepgarh, Bhutamundi and Nuagarh Gram Panchayats on 8th March 2017 with the women members of SHGs and girl members of Teen Circles. The objective of the event was to encourage women to participate in the developmental activities and raise awareness about the crucial role women play as change agents in a society. More than 700 women and girl youths celebrated the day. The day started with



a rally on “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan” by SHG Federation, Paradeepgarh. A series of competitions were held for the SHG members and girls of teen circle prior to International Women Day including mehndi design, solo song and other activities and prizes were handed over to the winners of various competitions at the 8th March function.

Essar Foundation partnered with the District Council of Culture, Jagatsinghpur for the cultural fest Jagatsinghpur Zilla Mahotsava “Kallola-2016” held from 1st April to 5th April, 2016 in Jagatsinghpur. The event is held each year to celebrate the rich and vibrant culture and tradition of the region. The fest was inaugurated by Mr. Pradip Kumar Amat, Finance Minister, Government of Odisha. The Minister in his address highlighted the contribution of Jagatsinghpur district in art, culture, music and literature. Mr. B.K. Upadhya, Jagatsinghpur District Collector & Chairman, District Council of Culture chaired the inaugural function. Various cultural events were held over the five days for the visitors to the fest.

Events

Essar Foundation and Essar Steel India Limited, Paradeep facilitated the Ahaar Scheme of Government of Odisha in Jagatsinghpur District. Three Ahaar outlets have been set up in Jagatsinghpur district. Through this, customers get a meal for Rs. 5/-.





Odisha Operations Dabuna

Health

A First aid cum Medical Health Center and a dispensary both are running smoothly towards catering doctor's consultation and free treatments for the peripheral villages of BP-Dabuna and Intake well site at Basantpur. During the period, 24,935 patients availed the services. 245 critical cases were transferred to the nearest government hospital for secondary health care services by the free ambulance service attached to the BP Site Health Center.

People continue to avail Telkoi Hospital facility, which caters to people from 149 villages of 20 Gram Panchayats of Telkoi Block. This initiative supported by Essar is being operated under PPP mode. In the reporting period, 37,906 patients availed the facilities of this hospital, 33 patients availed ambulance services and 10,654 people availed food services. Essar Foundation also facilitates ambulance services in hard to reach areas in Dabuna, where 108 Ambulance Services and Janani Express are not reachable.

Health awareness camps on Dengue were conducted in Dabuna, Purunadihi, Khajuridihi and Katupali villages with the support of anganwadi workers and health attendants of BP Medical Center during the period. The camps aimed to generate awareness about dengue and preventive steps. 89 women participated in these camps. To mark the National Nutrition Week, Essar Foundation with Medical Team conducted awareness and sensitization camp at First Aid cum Medical Center, Dabuna with the purpose of promoting healthy and nutritious diets in communities residing in neighbouring villages of Essar Steel plant in Dabuna on 6th September, 2016.

As a measure to promote healthy practices among school children, a hand washing campaign was organized in five schools and four anganwadi centers in December 2016. 510 school and anganwadi going children participated in the campaign with the help of anganwadi workers, teachers and parents.

During January to March 2017, Essar Foundation organised free school health check-up camps in the peripheral schools of Beneficiation Plant, Dabuna. Common symptoms detected among the school going children were weakness, worms, vitamin deficiency, skin infection (scabies), fever, cold & cough and dental related problems. 144 students were diagnosed through health check-up camps. The details of the school health camps were reported to the Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO), Keonjhar.

Education

Scarcity of teachers is a major challenge in the improvement of school education in the area. Six school teachers have been provided in the four schools in the vicinity of the plant. This has given impetus to the learning levels in the school. As per the decision of RPDAC (Rehabilitation Periphery Development Advisory Committee), Essar Foundation has adopted one Residential Tribal school in Telkoi, where 50 children from Primitive Tribal Group (Juang) are studying. The Foundation provides free food as well as remuneration of teachers. During the period Children's Day and Republic Day were celebrated with school children with great enthusiasm.



Livelihoods

In a major step towards skill training and capacity building of youth for promotion of employment and livelihood, Essar Foundation launched an Industrial Training Center (ITC) in Telkoi block of Keonjhar district in Odisha in 2012, which offers course in the trade of electrician. Residential facility is offered for the trainees in the Center. The second batch comprising 39 students successfully completed their course after clearing their 4th semester of State Council of Vocational Training (SCVT) exam. In the third batch, 34 trainees have secured admission.

A programme for livelihood promotion through SHG is being undertaken in Dabuna. The purpose of the project is to create alternative livelihood and employment opportunities through women entrepreneurship. Currently, 35 SHGs with 467 members are associated with Essar Foundation. Monthly meetings are held for regularising group meetings, initiation of savings, creation of rules and regulation, maintenance of attendance register, minutes' book and members' savings ledgers. The group members have routed money by providing loan against interest for group members and non-members. The Foundation also conducted several skill development programmes for the members of SHGs. One group agreed to take training on Phenyl making. Besides, there are four stitching centers in each of the four villages in the periphery of the plant and 60 women are undergoing training in these centers. A Stitching Training Center for teens and women not associated with SHGs is also being operated.



Environment

5,500 saplings of fruits and timber were distributed in the nearby schools and villages with the support of HSE during the reporting period. 650 persons collected the plants from the premises of BP-Dabuna.

Infrastructure Development



Realizing the grimness of drinking water situation in the nearby villages, a project on Piped Drinking Water Supply, was put in place, which caters to the water needs of 2,500 people from 500 households in four villages. The project involved 20,000 meters of pipe line laying, construction of 8 overhead tanks and digging of 8 deep bore wells. To support lifting and ensure adequate supply of safe drinking water, independent power connection from New Standard Engineering Co. (NES) Ltd. with four Electric Transformers - three of 16 KV capacity and one of 25 KV capacity -

have been installed with LT (low tension) power connection. The Foundation also provides drinking water to 200 households of Basantpur area through tankers. One water tanker is also being provided for the rest of the households that are not covered by this system. One sprinkler has been provided to sprinkle water inside the four village roads regularly twice to avoid dust.

Piped drinking water supply has been started at Government High School, Basantpur. 255 students are benefitting from this facility. A pipeline has also been laid from Medical Centre to Gupteswar High School- Dabuna to facilitate the drinking water facility. 94 students are getting potable water supply through this effort. 55 solar lights were also repaired during the period.

Sports



Essar Foundation facilitated in organizing a cricket tournament in association with Maa Thakurani Youth Club, a local club of Dabuna village. 16 teams participated from the peripheral villages in this tournament. Prizes for final day match i.e. winner- runner trophy, best catch, best captain, best fielder, man of the match and series, were handed over to the club members in presence of Essar Steel officials.

Other Projects



Essar has provided financial contribution to District Ahaar Society Keonjhar. The District Ahaar Society has been formed under the chairmanship of District Collector and provides subsidized food to the poor through Ahaar centers.



Vizag Operations

Health

The MMU continued to meet the health needs of the tribal communities in Sukma and Dantewada districts of Chhattisgarh and Malkangiri district in Odisha covering 31 villages. The MMU is operated in partnership with Hindustan Latex Planning Promotion Trust. The MMU is accompanied by a doctor, nurse, lab assistant and two Outreach Coordinators. This MMU has facilities for general treatment, pathological investigations and tests. 29,387 patients were reached by the MMU in the three districts. In Dantewada, the MMU staff held community meetings to raise awareness about various health issues. The Community Outreach Officer conducted group meetings on “Malaria”, “Anemia”, “Diarrhea”, “Family Planning”, “Breast Feeding” and “Malnutrition” during the duration. Like every year, this year too Ramaram Mela was conducted at Ramaram village in Sukma district and Essar provided health services there.

“BAL JYOTI” Project was initiated by the District Administration of Malkangiri to provide free and comprehensive screening and eye care to the students of all the schools of the district through a dedicated Mobile Ophthalmic Care unit. Essar Foundation collaborated with the District Administration to implement this project that reached out to 1,22,884 students over a period of one week.

With the support of PHE Department, Dantewada drinking water sources were tested in the schools and Anganwadi with H2S Strip. The Foundation team collected water sample from 36 schools and Anganwadi centers. After getting result of H2S test, 38 percent sources were found to be having bacterial issues. The Foundation team urged use of boiled water or alternate source of safer drinking water wherever possible.

The ICDS and Essar jointly started work on combating malnutrition among children in Sukma. Nutritious food is being provided to children as part of the effort.

A counselling session was held at Rampuram, Sukma Sector which was attended by 26 Anganwadi workers, 70 women and children from different villages of Sukma. The main focus of the session was combating malnourishment among children and care for women at pre-natal and post natal stage.

Essar in association with District Administration of Dantewada installed a



Health ATM in December 2016, which is a health screening kiosk and where patient 20 villages have access to a quick preventive health screening or get to consult with a healthcare professional face-to-face via video screen. The ATM offers more than 40 checkups including General Body Checkups, Cardiac Checkups, Reproductive and Child Health, Diabetes and Kidney, Infectious Diseases, Lungs and Respiratory Checkups.

Essar Foundation conducted an awareness rally and oriented local students and villagers on necessity of adequate and proper sanitation through a talk and documentary movie screening at the Primary School in Kadampal village in Dantewada district on 25th June, 2016. 15 volunteers from Essar Steel joined the Foundation team for this programme, which saw the participation of 75 primary and middle class students and 25 villagers including Sarpanch, ward member and school teachers.

On 27th September, 2016, the Municipal Corporation, Kirandul initiated an event by making human chain under Swatch Bharat Mission. More than 5,000 school children along with representatives of Essar, Chief Municipal Officer, President, Municipal Corporation, Kirandul, local representatives, school

principals and teachers joined their hands and built a 5 km long human chain.

To mark the World AIDS Day, the Kirandul team in association with HLPPT and Targeted Intervention-TI team sensitized 150 students through awareness session on “HIV/AIDS” by organizing orientation programme and quiz contest at BIOM Higher Secondary School, Kirandul.

A cleanliness drive was organized to support Swachh Bharat Abhiyan at RSC-11 village of Malkangiri district in which 65 community members participated for a clean-up drive in July 2016. Essar distributed soaps among villagers and underlined the need of hand washing.

In order to ensure safe disposal of medical waste, Essar Foundation provided a Tractor Trolley to Sukma Government officials during the duration. Essar Foundation got an Anganwadi repaired in Kumharass village in Sukma during the duration.

Education

International Youth Day is celebrated on August 12 each year to recognize efforts of the world's youth in enhancing global society. To mark the day, Essar Foundation in association with District Trade and Industries Department, Dantewada held an orientation program on entrepreneurship, skill development and government support program for an entrepreneur. The orientation was conducted at Government PG College, Kirandul by Mr. Ajit Bilung, GM, District Trade and Industries, Dantewada with his team members. 140 Graduate and Post Graduate students and teachers from colleges attended the session. The Day was also celebrated in Chitrakonda.

The District Administration of Dantewada launched a program called “Padhe Dantewada Badhe Dantewada”. The main objective of the program to boost education levels of school students by using KAMAAL method (using Teaching and Learning Material) so that each student between classes III to VIII of all the schools of Dantewada could at least identify words, count, read poem and stories and write. Essar provided review and monitoring support in all the 45 schools for effective implementation.

Essar has initiated awarding scholarships in Sukma and Chitrakonda under its

“Gyanjyoti Scholarship Programme” and is provided to students from classes IV to class X for academic achievements. 21 students were awarded scholarship amount for their academic achievements during this period. On the occasion of the Republic Day, Essar Foundation awarded 22 toppers of classes 10th and 12th of all four blocks of Dantewada district with scholarships. Events were also held in Chitrakonda and Sukma.

Essar Foundation team distributed school note books, stationery to 40 students as part of Independence Day Celebrations at Kondasanta, Ramapuram, Pedapeta Mandal Parishad Primary Schools in Andhra Pradesh. School stationery was also provided to Balapam High School in Andhra. A campaign on sanitation was also undertaken in Andhra Pradesh during the period. Essar Foundation also supported three anganwadis with learning materials in Andhra.

On the occasion of Children's Day on 14th November, 2016, Essar Foundation organised “Minute to Win It Games” for anganwadis and school children of Kirandul Basti in Dantewada. The event was organised on the premises of Primary School, Patelpara. 70 kids from Anganwadi, Primary and Middle School including teachers, anganwadi workers and Anganwadi Sahayika participated in the event. Essar also celebrated Children's Day in Chitrakonda



by making children aware on hygiene issues and some key measures to avoid Japanese Encephalitis (JE). An event was also held in Sukma.

The Essar supported Tarlakota School celebrated their 8th annual day in March 2017. The Chief Guest of the day was Mrs. Binodini Patra (Ex. Prof. English BJB, College, BBSR), who gave an inspirational speech to the students. The Principal of the school presented the achievements of the school during the year. The event also saw the prizes being handed over to students with exceptional academic performance. Essar also provided learning equipment at an anganwadi center in Sukma and also refurbished an anganwadi center there.

Essar facilitated the annual day celebrations of Arvind PG College with 300 students in Dantewada. The students who performed well in games and studies during the 2016-17 academic year were given prizes and certificates. The Kirnadul team also facilitated Gurukul Girl's Residential School's Annual Day Function, in the school premises at Palnar. A cultural show was held as part of the event.

Livelihood

Through Essar Foundation's support within two years 11 farmers groups from six villages are cultivating vegetable throughout the year and have increased incomes by selling vegetables in the market. With seasonal vegetable, cultivators have started intercropping with Banana plants. During the period, 70 farmers worked on 7 acre land. Essar Foundation team with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) established two small-scale mushroom cultivation unit at Kirandul Basti, Patelpara and Kalepal two farmers' group who are engaged in vegetable cultivation. Essar Foundation also facilitated the production of Jaggery from date palm at Cholnar village through one unit comprising eight date palm trees involving five families.

Essar Foundation team has been regularly visiting and guiding the farmers in Chitrakonda who were earlier provided power tillers and paddy threshers through government linkages. The team is also promoting vegetable cultivation in Chitrakonda by distributing vegetable seeds to the farmers.

After getting the training organised by Essar Foundation and exposure visit at

Sukma, some farmers expressed their interest in fish farming. Six interested farmer groups of Madadi, Kalepal, Cholnar, Palnar villages in Dantewada are doing fish farming in Dabri (Small Pond). These units are covering around seven acres of land. With the support and guidance of Fisheries Department, Dantewada, fingerlings were distributed of major carp viz. Rohu, Katla, Mrigal. In Chitrakonda, the Essar Foundation team provided 35 kg fingerling of six species with 5 percent mortality to interested farmers during the year to promote an alternate source of income.

Essar Foundation partnered with the Livestock Department, Malkangiri district and the Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture (RRA) Network to develop and distribute customized livestock vaccines and health care products to tribal areas to strengthen animal health care services. The Foundation with the support of Livestock Development Department, Kirandul conducted a two day vaccination camp in August 2016 for livestock to eradicate the "Foot & Mouth Disease" (FMD). The camp was held at Cholnar - Sarpanchpara and Patelpara and Kalepal villages and 387 livestock were vaccinated and treated by the veterinary team. The team also conducted an awareness session on System of Rice Intensification (SRI) techniques among farmers and the same has been adopted by few farmers.



The production of SAHAJ sanitary napkins by Maa Danteshwari SHG in Palnar is going on smoothly. Five members of SHG are earning incomes by selling 4,000 pads during the period. With the assurance of Collector, Dantewada and Assistant Commissioner-Tribal for the promotion of sanitary napkin, SAHAJ has been successfully linked with the School, Pre and Post Matric Girls' Hostel at Kirandul, Palnar and Kuakonda for regular purchase. Six youth from Andhra were provided light motor vehicle of 45 day duration.

Infrastructure Development



Essar Foundation contributed water filters at Sarkubandha Anganwadi center in Odisha sector, which has benefitted 30 children. Essar also distributed water filters at six schools of core villages of Sukma sector benefitting 95 children. A water filter was at an Anganwadi Center in Balapam, Andhra Pradesh during the period.

During the period, Essar Foundation got two hand pumps repaired of in the neighbouring areas of Dantewada to ensure availability of water to 20 families. Essar Foundation distributed water filter in four in Sukma and at Sarkubandha Anganwadi center in Chitrakonda. To meet the scarcity of water, Essar Foundation got two bore-wells repaired which has benefited 150 people in Andhra Pradesh. A Government water facility was also repaired in Andhra, which also benefitted 150 people. A Bore Well was also repaired at Ramapuram village in Andhra. Essar Foundation procured SUDHU Tablets for cleaning water and providing safe drinking water to villagers in Andhra.

Essar Foundation during the period provided a tractor trolley to dispose medical wastes in Sukma districts.

Environment



In addition to the above, Essar Foundation observed days of environmental importance. Events like World Environment Day, World Earth Day and World Ozone Day were celebrated in Kirandul, Chitrakonda and Vizag to raise environmental awareness.

A cleanliness and plantation drive was undertaken in Chitrakonda in October 2016, wherein 400 saplings were planted at the premises of Government Girl's High School with the support of Tehsildar and Head Master, Government Girl's High School.

To celebrate the Teachers Day, Essar Foundation, Kirandul team celebrated Teacher's Day by planting tree in Girl Potacabin, Palnar with 17 teachers and 450 students. A plantation drive was held at Government MPP School, Anganwadi Center and village at Kondasanta in Andhra Pradesh. Besides, few planation drives were also held in different locations.

Sports

Essar Foundation provided sports equipment in Odisha sector which has benefited 330 people. This was undertaken to encourage local sports talent. The Foundation also organized cluster level annual sports day at various gram panchayats of Dantewada including Hiroli, Kadampal and Madadi during the period. Essar Foundation also distributed sports material at Kumharass anaganwadi center in Sukma.

Essar supported a local organization Bacheli Boys Sports Samiti in organizing a Divisional Volley Ball competition at Bacheli. In this tournament, 32 teams participated from four districts i.e. Bastar/Jagdal, Sukma, Bijapur, Dantewada and Jagdalpur emerged as the winner.



Other Initiatives

The Central Government in collaboration with States and Panchayats, organized 'Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan' (Village Self Governance Campaign), which commenced on 14th April, 2016 with Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's 125th Birth Anniversary on 14th April, 2016 and culminating in Panchayati Raj Day on 24th April, 2016. The campaign aimed to undertake efforts nationally to raise social harmony across villages, strengthen Panchayati Raj, promote rural development and foster farmers' progress. Essar Foundation supported the campaign by organizing a sports event on 24th April, 2016 at Sarkubandha village in Rallegada Gram Panchayat at Chitrakonda. The event saw participation by 250 local villagers. The event saw presence of Block Development Officer, Sarpanch, Child Development Project Officer and Supervisor, Integrated Child Development Services.

Besides, Karsad Fair, a tribal festival and training programme for 125 youths from whole district of Dantewada on the culture, custom, ritual and rites of Koya society were also held in Dantewada. To mark the Establishment day of Chhattisgarh, Chhattisgarh Sanskritik Evam Krida Mandal, Kirandul organised a cultural programme "Rangsarovar" at Football ground, Kirandul with Essar's support. Hundreds of people enjoyed various cultural performances. In Chitrakonda, International Yoga day was observed by making school children aware about yoga and its benefits. Essar Foundation organized an awareness session among students in Sukma against violence against women.

Essar team supported Chhattisgarh State Renewable Development Agency - CREDA in identification of the sites and by filling application forms Patelpara-Kirandul, Kalepal and Phulpad for securing solar pumps.

Hazira Operations



Health

On World Health Day on 7th April, 2016, Essar Foundation organized a diabetes awareness and checkup camp in the Hazira region. Around 100 people attended the camp and underwent a blood test. Twelve people were diagnosed with high blood sugar and provided medication. The camp also helped in generating awareness about the disease.

Essar Steel, Hazira and Essar Foundation collaborated with New Civil Hospital, Surat to set up Gujarat's first Hemophilia Day Care Centre in the year 2015. On 17th April, 2016, World Hemophilia Day and the first anniversary of the Hemophilia Care Centre were celebrated. 200 persons attended the event. The Center now operates on a 24x7 basis. The patients are treated free of cost at the integrated treatment facility, which includes investigation or diagnosis laboratories, counselling for patients and family, physiotherapy and a five-bed day care ward. During the period, 2,772 patients were treated in the Center.

General health camps were conducted in Dhamroad and Tundi, Vanzoliya and Ena villages of Palsana Taluka. 2,320 persons attended the camps. The villages have a dominant tribal population with limited access to health services. The villages have been marked as under-nourished zones. Essar has been conducting health check-up camps in villages of Palsana taluka from past two years on a monthly basis. The camps were conducted in association with Care Nursing Home, Nand Niketan Township and the village heads have extended their support and cooperation to mobilize people for these camps.

Essar Foundation held an event to create awareness about Malaria in three villages in association with the District Malaria Department and Primary Health Centre, Suwali, on World Malaria Day on 25th April, 2016. In sync with the theme, "End Malaria for Good," a rally was held to spread awareness on prevention and precautionary measures against Malaria. 150 households belonging to the Halpati community, a marginalized community from Damka, Vanswa and Suwali villages, were given mosquito nets. The health functionaries at the village level (ASHA workers, anganwadi workers) were informed of their responsibilities to control mosquito borne diseases. To control the spread of vector borne diseases like Malaria and Dengue, 50 bags of Gammaxene Powder (25 kg/bag) were used in Hazira village with the support of Gram Panchayat.



The International Day of Yoga was celebrated in two schools of Hazira village – Primary School - Hazira and Nav Jagruti Vidya Vihar, Hazira on 21st June, 2016. More than 200 students performed various asanas to mark the day.

With the objective supporting New Civil Hospital, Surat and Ahmedabad, a two days blood donation camp was conducted during the duration wherein 635 volunteers came forward to donate blood. The support has helped the hospitals to meet their blood requirement of around 10 days. The camps were conducted across Essar Facility including Nand Niketan Township and different plant locations.

A series of cardiac health checkup camps were conducted in Hazira region during the period. 173 people were provided consultation in the camp. Among them, 20 were referred for further consultation with cardiologist and Eco TMT test.

Education

It is in spirit of enhancing school level education in the area that the Foundation extends support to State Government of Gujarat's Shala Praveshotsav initiative aimed at achieving 100 percent enrollment in primary schools in the state. The drive was supported in six schools in Hazira, Bhatlai and Ghabeni villages. School bags, uniforms, kits etc. were provided to more than 800 students. On the occasion of the 70th Independence Day, Essar rewarded 57 meritorious students from four high schools in Hazira region. Students from 10 villages of Hazira belt attend these schools. This was the third year of Gyan Jyoti Scholarship.

At Hazira, an initiative to develop existing anganwadi into a model anganwadi was taken up comprising child friendly environment that can be replicable across the villages of Hazira belt. A boundary wall was constructed for developing a playful and secure environment. Different pictures, characters and theme based learning pictures etc. as per ICDS standards were put up. Swings, see-saw and slide were also installed and a kitchen garden was also developed for value addition in the supplementary food being cooked at the Center. All the children were provided with basic materials like school bags, uniforms etc. Along with these, the first floor of the Centre was lying idle. The same has been set up as vocational training center for the mothers and village women for their skill development. Hazira village has five anganwadis and this initiative will lead to development of remaining four anganwadi centers. The initiative was well acknowledged and appreciated by Mrs. Nayana Patel, Project Officer, ICDS-Surat during the uniform distribution ceremony for 176 students of five centers held on 31st August, 2016.

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, Essar Foundation acknowledged and honored the teachers for their commitment towards improving the learning levels in Hazira village. The celebration was held at Primary School, Hazira and Nav Jagruti Vidya Vihar, Hazira. At the School, six retired teachers from Hazira village were honored for their services along with seventeen primary teachers of three primary schools in Hazira. Similarly, at an event in Nav Jagruti Vidya Vihar school, retired Principals of Sanjeevani High School, Damka, Sri Navin Bhai and Sri Kantibhai Patel, acting principal of Smt. LNB Dariya School, Adajan who was recently honored with best teacher award by Government of Gujarat were felicitated for their achievements.



Kshitij 2016 – a Taluka level Mathematics, Science and Environment exhibition for Choryasi taluka was conducted in association with District Primary Education Department, Surat. 55 primary schools of Taluka participated in the exhibition and exhibits were put up by 190 students. All together more than 1,300 students and 200 teachers attended the event held at Hazira Primary School on 14th October, 2016.

To provide quality education in Government primary schools and to improve overall learning level amongst the students “Gurujee” project was implemented in eight villages of Choryasi taluka of Surat district in collaboration with Centre for Environment Education. The main objective of the project is to provide the innovative model of Education which aimed to achieve 100 per cent literacy and quality education for students. The activities comprised consultations were held with the panchayat functionaries, teachers, education officials, a baseline survey was held to assess literacy status, Science support classes were held and awareness program on cashless banking.

The 3rd edition of interschool talent hunt competition “Anmol Sitare 2017” was conducted during the month. 270 students participated in the initial screening round. 32 performances were selected for the final round held in four different categories comprising group dance, solo dance, singing and acting. 211 students were adjudged in the final show on 21st February, 2017 conducted at Nand Niketan Township. Primary Schools-Hazira and Mora bagged three trophies.

Livelihood

During the year, the training at Five Essar Lok Vikas Kendras were conducted on four different trades: beautician, tailoring, bakery and embroidery. All together 444 women were trained.

To provide the right guidance and encourage budding entrepreneurs, a two-day entrepreneurship training workshop was organized for women at six locations in Hazira on 2nd and 3rd September, 2016. More than 250 women from five villages attended the workshops. At the workshop, the participants were encouraged to think of potential business ideas and evaluate the possible pros and cons involved in setting up an enterprise.

During the duration, one more ELVK was launched in Bhatlai village of Choriyasi taluka taking the total to five. To begin with, beauticians' training for women and art classes for schools children of six months duration each shall be undertaken. New trades will be added to the repertoire of trainings offered at the ELVKs to make it a multi-skill platform for all section of the communities.

During the period, 98 trainees from 5 ELVKs completed their six months course in the trades of tailoring and beautician. A convocation ceremony was conducted for certification of six months course wherein their acquired skill in tailoring and beautician was showcased through fashion show. The tailoring trade trainees designed their own garments and the makeup was done by the pass-outs from the beauticians' course. To select the winners of the competition, governing members of the Essar Ladies Club were made jury members, who selected and honored the winning trainees. The event was attended by more than 250 women from eight villages.

To promote bakery, a one-day orientation training was conducted at ELVK, Bhatlai for 80 women during the period. It gave the participants a fair idea about the bakery, required equipment, ingredients and multiple products that can be made economically. As a startup, trainees of Essar Lok Vikas Kendra - Hazira have set up their own beauty parlour in Hazira. To support these 11 startup initiatives, Essar motivated and provided material support to them.

A workshop for aspiring entrepreneurs for 20 trainees of ELVK was conducted for five days during the period. The objectives were to sensitize the trainees on entrepreneurship and give them a fair idea about different dimensions of doing



a business. The trainees did a group exercise on idea generation, market research, negotiation, opportunity identification and develop a business plan at group level based on the training skills they have acquired at Essar Lok Vikas Kendra.

International Women's Day 2017 celebrations were held in Hazira in March 2017. 535 women attended the event from eight villages.

Infrastructure Development

A range of infrastructure related projects were undertaken during the duration. These comprised a cleanliness drive initiated in Hazira Panchayat by taking up de-siltation of all the major drains as part of monsoon preparedness drive, which benefitted 2,300 households. The Foundation undertook repair and strengthening of fiber roofing in Primary School, Hazira. 4,200 tonnes of slag was provided to Hazira Gram Panchayat for land filling and road strengthening works.

During the summer seasons, 24 KL drinking water was supplied on daily basis through tankers to Junagam village comprising 900 households. Due to depletion of water table, there was a huge scarcity of drinking water. Continuous supply of 9.5 lakh liters of drinking water per day to a population of 17,000 people in Hazira village is being done. To control the spread of vector borne diseases like malaria, dengue, 50 bags of gammaxene powder (25 kg each) were broadcasted in Hazira village with the support of Gram Panchayat.

Inclusion

The Third edition of the Essar Freedom Cup, a cricket tournament for the differently-abled, was held on 19th and 20th May, 2016 at Lalbhai Contractor Stadium in Surat. The event was held by Essar Foundation and Essar Steel India Limited, Hazira in association with Viklang Kalyan Society Trust, an organization in Surat that works for the welfare of the differently-abled. Six teams participated in the tournament from different parts of Gujarat, namely Baroda, Viklang Kalyan Society Trust (VIKSO)-Surat, Surat, Tapi, Limbayat and Kutch. The tournament followed the standard rules of a cricket match. Baroda and VIKSO-Surat teams made it to the finals. Batting first, VIKSO-Surat put a total of 174 runs in 15 overs. Baroda was no match for VIKSO-Surat and lost by a huge margin of 95 runs.

The Fourth Essar Freedom Cup 2017, a cricket tournament for differently abled was held at West Zone level, wherein six teams from Gujarat and Maharashtra participated. The event was held at Nand Stadium, Essar Nand Niketan Township from 1st to 3rd February, 2017. Maharashtra emerged as winner by



defeating Gujarat by 13 runs. The tournament was conducted under aegis of All India Cricket Association for Physically Challenged-Mumbai and supported by Gujarat Cricket Association for the Differently Abled, Ahmedabad and Viklang Kalyan Society Trust, Surat. The tournament was inaugurated by Mr. Ajit Wadekar, Former Indian Cricket Team Captain. 96 players exhibited their cricketing skills during the tournament.

Essar supported a sports event in Surat which saw the participation of 33 differently abled swimmers in junior and senior categories from eight districts of Gujarat. Twenty swimmers will represent Gujarat at the national level paralympic swimming tournament, which will be held in Udaipur, Rajasthan in November 2016. Parents, friends and supporters displayed overwhelming encouragement for the athletes.

Sports



Support was provided for conducting block level Khel Mahakumbh Volleyball Competition held at Nav Jagruti Vidya Vihar, Hazira during the period. 20 school teams participated in the event benefiting 250 persons.

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Environment



In keeping with the theme “Trees for Earth,” Essar Foundation celebrated Earth Day on 22nd April, 2016 by organizing an awareness event at Essar's waste paper recycling unit based at Hazira with more than 100 students from Essar International School, Hazira. The students were told about the significance of recycling and were given a hands-on experience of recycling paper. They also learnt about making paper bags from waste paper.

The World Environment Day was celebrated on 5th June, 2016 by undertaking sapling plantation in Bhatlai village. An awareness session was also held followed by a drawing competition on protection of wildlife and environment. About 120 women and children participated in the plantation activity and 50 children participated in the drawing competition.

The Waste Paper Recycling Plant recycled 2,000 kgs of waste paper as envelopes, note pads for internal consumption during the period.

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Pune Operations

Health

Essar Foundation held eye screening camps at Sanaswadi and Dingrajwadi Government Schools, which are in vicinity of Essar Steel, Pune's facility. The camps comprised eye screening, awareness about eye-care for children and parents, awareness session for teachers on early symptoms and detection of low-vision related problems among students and distribution of eyeglasses for children in school. The program was conducted for 15 days spread over the period of February till April, 2016 at both the schools and covered total 808 students with 26 teachers. 127 students were detected with low-vision problem and provided with eye glasses along with referral service to 63 students, who were detected with other eye related diseases. Awareness sessions at both the schools on basic eye care and care of spectacles were also conducted. The session focused on the healthy reading practices, basic eye care due to small injuries and first aid in case of eye injury at school/home. 849 children and 41 teachers were reached through these sessions.

Essar also supported Seth Tarachand hospital's dialysis center during the duration for providing dialysis service to the underprivileged patients. A health check-up camp was organized for the students at N.K. Ruia Secondary School, Tung, Lonawala in collaboration with Maharashtra Institute of Medical Education and Research (MIMER) in October 2016. The main focus was to check hemoglobin levels and provide medicines to students with low HB level. 168 students were examined in the camp.

Essar Foundation organized an awareness programme for the students of Shri N.K. Ruia School on the occasion of World AIDS Day on 1st December, 2016 in association with Maharashtra Institute of Medical Education and Research (MIMER). 162 students were reached through this initiative. A basic safety programme was organised on 1st December, 2016 in which 159 students of Shri N.K. Ruia School participated.

On the occasion of De-addiction Day on 6th February, 2017, Essar Foundation organized a slogan writing competition and poster exhibition on the issue of substance addition at Shri N.K. Ruia Secondary School, Tung.

Education



Essar Foundation hosted a study visit of the students of Helena Ann School, Talegaon to Essar's plant in Lonavala in August 2016. The students were provided an orientation on the Agrotech's plant and dairy project. The Foundation organized Hindi Bhasha Din on 22nd September, 2016 for students at Shri N.K. Ruia School. This was to motivate children to increase the use of Hindi language in their day to day lives. The Foundation also held Teacher's day celebrations were held at Shri N.K. Ruia School. On this occasion, students were encouraged to play the role of teachers to understand the importance of teachers' contribution in academics.

A visit of students to the Science Exhibition organized by the Headmasters Association of Maval Block at Lonawala was organized on 27th September, 2016. The exhibition focused on various Science formulas and various models were exhibited. Besides various meeting with teachers, parents and school management committee were organized to improve the functioning of the school.

Essar Foundation organized a Drawing Competition for the children of the employee, who are studying in 1st to 10th standards at Essar Steel, Pune Facility on 28th August, 2016. 48 children participated in this program and 15



employees participated at volunteers. A session on parenting for the parents of these participants was also held. Around 35 parents participated in this program.

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As a part of the activity based learning program, a Math Quiz was competition for the students of Shri N.K Ruia School, in September 2017.

A session was conducted on preparation of Science models at Shri N.K Ruia School. During this session, children were motivated to share their ideas about Science Model for presenting at the district level Inspire Award Science Exhibition in Pune. Based on this session, Ms. Pratiksha Sonawane, a class 9th student was nominated to present her model at the Exhibition. She developed a model on preparing crude oil from plastic carry bags. She presented the model at the exhibition from 6th to 8th October, 2016.

Children Day celebrations were also held at the Shri N.K Ruia School. An Intra School Exhibition was organised at Shri N.K.Ruia School on 21st November,

2016. This is an annual activity through which school children are motivated to understand the basics of Science. 22 Science models were exhibited during the exhibition. 140 students visited the exhibition. Other activities organised in the school during the duration included Annual Sports Week, celebration of Balika Din, screening of movie on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and elocution competition on the occasion of Death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

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Women Empowerment

A session for SHG members was held in Dingrajwadi village in July 2016 to share information about the various schemes and programs run by government for women entrepreneurship in rural areas. An official from the Block Development Officer of Shirur Panchayat office was invited for the same. The BDO shared information on various schemes, training programs and procedure. Earlier, a session on orientation the SHG members on starting small-scale business in group or individually was also held. An experienced resource person in imparting vocational trainings and motivating SHG members was invited for a session. The resource person shared information about successful cases of other villages where women started their own business and were doing well.

Environment



Essar Foundation with Essar Steel, Pune supported the state-level campaign of tree plantation drive initiated by State Government of Maharashtra. The State Government approached Essar to participate in this campaign by providing tree saplings to local Gram Panchayat office and nearby schools in Pune. As a part of this campaign, Essar conducted awareness sessions for students in two schools and planted 1,000 saplings at places suggested by Gram Panchayat authorities in August 2016. There was active participation from students, teachers and the Gram Panchayat members for this very pertinent cause. In July 2016, Essar Foundation held a sapling distribution drive at Dingrajwadi and distributed 600 saplings among 300 households.

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Infrastructure Development



Essar continued providing water to 1,900 people from nearby villages at Sanswadi. Essar also supported a local trust to construct a community hall at Tulapur during the duration. The hall will be used to conduct community events in the village. Essar provided steel sheets as material support to construct the hall.

Awards

Essar Foundation received an award in the category of:

‘Best CSR Practices in Tribal Health and Community Welfare’ at Odisha CSR Summit 2016 organised by web channel Odisha-LIVE in association with KIIT School of Rural Management on 12th April, 2016 at Bhubaneswar. The award was received for comprehensive CSR programs in tribal dominated Telkoi block, Keonjhar district.



CSR Notification

The passage of CSR provisions under Companies Act 2013 in the year 2014 has added momentum to the social commitment of various corporates in India. The notification of Section 135 and Schedule VII of the Companies Act as well as the provisions of (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014 by Ministry of Corporate Affairs have legally mandated expenditures on CSR. The Schedule VII defines various activities that qualify as CSR. The report illustrates the development projects implemented throughout the year in consonance with the Schedule VII.

CSR Focus Areas, Companies Act 2013, Supported by Essar Foundation

- (i) Eradicating extreme hunger and poverty and malnutrition, promoting preventive healthcare and sanitation including contribution to the Swach Bharat Kosh set-up by the Central Government for the promotion of sanitation and making available safe drinking water
- (ii) Promotion of education, including special education and employment enhancing vocation skills especially among children, woman, elderly and the differently abled and livelihood enhancement projects
- (iii) Promoting gender equality and empowering women, setting up homes and hostels for women and orphans; setting up old age homes, day care centres, and such other facilities for senior citizens and measures for reducing inequalities faced by socially and economically backward groups
- (iv) Ensuring environmental sustainability, ecological balance, protection of flora and fauna, animal welfare, agroforestry, conservation of natural resources and maintaining of quality of soil, air and water including contribution to the Clean Ganga Fund set-up by the Central Government for rejuvenation of river Ganga
- (v) Training to promote rural sports, nationally recognized sports, and paraolympic sports and Olympic sports



Essar Steel CSR Policy

1.0 About the Company

ESTL India is has significant business presence in Gujarat, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, besides being present across India through its Hypermart and facility Centers. All CSR activities of ESTL will be implemented by “Essar Group Foundation” of which the Company is a Trustee.

1.1 About Essar Group Foundation:

Essar Group Foundation is the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of the Essar conglomerate that is committed to maintaining the highest standards of CSR in its business activities and aims to make a difference wherever it operates. Essar Foundation collaborates with key stakeholders, especially the local administration and institutions to facilitate development focused on education, livelihoods, women's empowerment and health. It aspires towards creating lasting impacts, ultimately leading to positive change and sustainability. Essar Foundation imbibes the essence of the ten Principles of United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) and undertakes interventions in line with the UN Millennium Development Goals, and impacts more than a million lives positively across 500 villages in eight states of India.

1.1.1 Vision and Approach:

The Foundation aligns its vision with the larger vision of the conglomerate based on the four Ps – PEOPLE at the core, PROGRESS towards aspirations, POWER of synergy, and PASSION with compassion.

PEOPLE at the core

All interventions of the Foundation place people it works with and people it works for. So the vision entails holistic development that is human development centric. Environment conservation, capacity building, awareness generation, improving health and education leading to empowerment are keys to this aspect of the vision.

PROGRESS towards aspirations

Progress and growth towards the better is what drives every individual, family or community. Essar Foundation believes in fueling the same by promoting learning, innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit. Progressive economic development and livelihood promotion are main impacts under this.

POWER of synergy

The Foundation strongly bases its efforts on collective strength of responsible partnerships that ensures sustainability of the impact created. Convergence with Govt. delivery mechanism, local administration, civil society organizations and community based institutions are integral to the approach.

PASSION with compassion

The compassion or humaneness in the endeavors is what makes all the difference. Sensitivity to local context and respect towards diversities is crucial, and so is the need to make every initiative consultative, participatory and integrated. The vision is to promote shared values and ownership.

2.0 CSR Vision

To empower the communities around our areas of operation towards development that is collaborative, progressive, inclusive and sustainable through optimal realization of human potential and responsible utilization of resources.

3.0 CSR Mission

- To undertake strategically sustainable development initiatives that contributes towards progress in human and social development indicators aspiring to improve quality of life.
- To complement and supplement the ongoing community development efforts of the Government while introducing innovations in the arenas where there is a scope and need for the same.
- To encourage partnerships, support and build the capacities of community based institutions, civil society organizations, suppliers and vendors imbibing responsible practices.

4.0 CSR Objectives

- To undertake sustainable initiatives under agreed thematic areas that lead to measurable progress in the targeted human development indicators of the area especially in areas of education, maternal and child health indicators and environment.
- To initiate and fuel the entrepreneurial aptitude among the people and institutions we associate with towards substantial economic development of communities boosting significant increase in annual family income of targeted population.
- To enable care and support to the marginalised and vulnerable sections of the communities especially the elderly, women and children towards leading a life of dignity and self-dependence.
- To undertake responsible business practices and enable safety of communities around our operational areas following standard safety practices.

5.0 CSR Approach

- To build sustained relationships with all stakeholders by developing understanding, mutuality and respect in an organic manner.
- To undertake baseline studies and follow strategic planning process to develop short, medium and long term action plans based on criticality, priority and resource optimization.
- To implement planned initiatives in phased manner under agreed larger thematic areas through professional teams, delegated resources and relevant partnerships.
- To set indicators for outputs and success of initiatives; monitor and evaluate the progress and eventual impact of the initiatives towards desired direction of development.
- To document, draw learnings from the experience of the initiatives and set progressive benchmarks for subsequent action plans.
- To set and execute initiatives with clearly drawn exit strategies that ensures sustainability of the initiatives' outcomes.

6.0 Scope of CSR Activities

- Communities and villages directly or indirectly impacted by the business operations
- Communities and villages surrounding the business operations in a particular location
- Any other areas adopted under any specific MoU or agreement with the government

7.0 Focus areas

We will undertake CSR initiatives by investing resources in any of the following areas in India, excluding activities undertaken in pursuance of normal course of business of the Company and activities that benefit only the employees of the Company and their families:

- Promoting preventive and curative healthcare and sanitation and making available safe drinking water
- Promoting education; including special education and employment enhancing vocation skills especially among children, woman,
- Ensuring environmental sustainability, ecological balance, protection of flora and fauna, animal welfare, agroforestry, conservation of natural resources and maintaining of quality of soil, air and water
- Training to promote rural sports, nationally recognized sports, and Paralympics sports and Olympic sports.
- Rural development projects
- Others, as and when admissible.

8.0 Implementation

The CSR initiatives activities will be implemented either directly by the Company or through implementing partners. The main implementing partner of ESTL will be “Essar Group Foundation” of which the Company is a Trustee. The other partners with whom the company may partners directly or through Essar Foundation includes the Government, Knowledge Institutions, Business Associates, NGOs & Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and the communities themselves. The precise roles of stakeholders depend on the local context and changes along with business phases, and the stages of community interventions.

The Company may also collaborate with other companies to undertake other CSR projects or programmes provided that the CSR Committee of the respective companies are in a position to report separately on such projects or programmes.

9.0 Budget and expenditure

Before the commencement of each financial year, an Annual Business Plan (CSR ABP) for the CSR projects, programmes and activities, both new and ongoing, (excluding activities undertaken in pursuance of the Company's normal course of business) along with the expenditure for the same shall be recommended by the CSR Committee to the Board for approval. Each year, post adoption of CSR ABP by the Board, the same will be deemed to form integral part of this Policy. The surplus arising out of the CSR activities will not be considered as a part of business profits of the Company.

As per the CSR norms of the Companies Act 2013, 2 percent of the three-year average annual net profit will be spent on CSR activities. For the year 2014-15, the average revenue for the past three years from Financial Year 2012-13 to 2014-15 is Rs. -1244.68 crore. The amount spent in the year was Rs. 17.43 crore. As per the revenues of the company, the 2 percent CSR expenditure is not obligatory for the company.

10.0 Monitoring and evaluation

The “CSR Committee” constituted by the Board of Directors shall be responsible for monitoring the CSR Policy from time to time. The CSR Committee shall approve and recommend to the Board, the projects or programmes or activities to be undertaken, the expenditure to be incurred on the projects / programmes, the modalities for execution and implementation schedule.

The CSR Committee shall periodically monitor implementation of the CSR Policy and the projects, programmes and activities being undertaken as per CSR ABP. Essar Group Foundation or any other implementing partners assigned with tasks under the CSR ABP shall also submit their reports in such manner and periodicity as may be required by the CSR Committee.

11.0 Reporting

Both qualitative and quantitative report of all CSR activities will be generated and compiled on monthly and quarterly basis and presented to “CSR Committee” time to time. The company will publish an “Annual CSR Report” and will be shared with external stakeholders.

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