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Activity Summary of I-CARE for the period Jan 2022 – Mar 2023

i-Care

a team ISRO initiative
for charitable activities

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A. Introduction

I-CARE is a charitable trust registered under Indian Charitable Trust Act with Shri S Somanath as its patron. Permanent employees of ISRO, including retired staff, are its contributors. Right from its inception, it has been involved in various charity initiatives, with the beneficiaries ranging from individuals to groups. This report briefly summarizes the activities undertaken by I-CARE during the period Jan 2022 – Mar 2023.

B. Charity & Welfare Initiatives

I-CARE has been offering helping hands to ISRO employees/contract staff/trainees and the needy non-ISRO people, suffering from severe illnesses and other setbacks. Beneficiaries are proposed by ISRO staff members and then selected by the Executive Committee after scrutiny of the severity of sufferings and their financial background. Accordingly, timely help is extended in the form of monetary aid.

I. Assistance for Casualties, Medical Emergencies & Treatment

Google form is maintained for proposing beneficiaries along with the supporting documents like relevant health records. The cases are reviewed in the Executive Committee meetings, appropriate decisions taken and recorded in the minutes. 88 beneficiaries were supported during the report period under this category. It may be noted here that ISRO beneficiaries include employees, contract personnel, trainees, casual labourers, and their dependents.



One-time payment is made in case of death, for emergencies like accident, surgery, paralysis, fracture, and other life-threatening situations of diseases affecting brain, heart, kidney, liver etc. Monthly support is extended to the identified cases from poor economic background or those rendered jobless due to ill health, to meet the recurring costs involved in treatment of diseases like cancer, asthma, old age ailments etc for regular dialysis. Rs 1 lakh was handed over to RCC for 20 beneficiaries in March 2021 during AGM.



Total No. of beneficiaries: 88

Total amount distributed : Rs 12,94,500

II. Santhwanam Campaigns

1) Jesus Abraham Fund (JAF)

Jesus Abraham, contract staff at RFF Canteen, VSSC, with hearing impairment, lost his life after getting accidentally hit by a train at Kazhakkuttam railway station on 11th Dec 2022. I-CARE launched a campaign to help his family consisting of wife and their 7-year-old differently abled daughter. I-CARE was able to raise Rs 3.62 lakhs till 31st of Dec 2022. Canteen staff from VRC, TERLS & RFF contributed Rs 77,650 to I-CARE for this purpose. Thus, a total amount of Rs 4,40,351 was collected through the JAF campaign. A consolidated amount of Rs 4.5 lakhs was credited in Feb, 2023, to the bank account of wife of the deceased Jesus Abraham.

2) SANTHWANAM 2023 (Ongoing Campaign)

I-CARE launched a campaign to help the family of the following deceased contract staff members of VSSC :

1. Vipin Albert, contract staff at CMSE canteen, who died on 31st Dec 2022, in a bike accident on his way to office. He is survived by his wife (no income), 3-year old daughter and 1-year old son

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the following 4 VRC canteen contract staff members, who lost their lives in a



tragic car accident at Ambalappuzha on 23rd January 2023 :

2. Prasad S, who is survived by bed-ridden father, mother & college-going younger brother
3. Sumod PK, who is survived by wife, a class IV employee in Vigilance department, and daughter, a +1 student
4. Shijin Das YS, who is survived by grand father, grand mother and younger sister who got married a year ago
5. Amal A, who is survived by mother and an elder brother on daily wages

The collection drive will be ON till 15th Apr 2023.

III. Other campaigns for Medical Exigencies

1) Jency Denny Medical Support Fund (JMSF)

I-CARE launched a campaign to support Ms. Jency Denny, 25-year old daughter of Mrs Jesphine, contract cleaning staff at CHC, VSSC, who had undergone an emergency life-saving liver transplant surgery for acute liver failure condition. Rs 1.6 lakhs was received in total for JMSF. I-CARE handed over Rs 1.75 lakhs for supporting the family.

2) Dhyan Liver Transplant Surgery Campaign

I-CARE could raise a fund of Rs 4 lakhs for liver transplant surgery (costing around Rs 30 lakhs) of 18-months-old Dhyan, s/o Smt. Vidya, former contract staff of VSSC. This was handed over in the last AGM in March 2021.



LPSC Women's Day Celebration team additionally handed over Rs 2.72 lakhs to I-CARE for Dhyan. Thus a total of Rs 6.72 lakhs was donated by I-CARE for Dhyan's liver transplant surgery.

3) CIS(Cochlear Implant Surgery) Campaign

I-CARE could able to raise Rs 4.42 lakhs for the cochlear implant surgeries (each costing around Rs 18 lakhs), of the following kids with hearing deficiencies :

- 1) Mas. Naveen, 2.5-year-old son of Sri. Prasanth SL, HVD A, TOMD
- 2) Kum. Ashvika S Nair, 4.5-year-old daughter of Sri. Sreekumar,

Technician, AMFF, ESAE

Director, VSSC, Dr Unnikrishnan Nair, handed over Rs 2.25 lakhs each to the two beneficiaries in the VCMC meeting on 31st Oct 2022.



IV. Other Welfare Activities

1) SOFA (School Opening Financial Aid) 2022

To help the children of casual and contract workers from VSSC, LPSC, IISU& APEP at the time of school reopening, the SOFA programme was launched. Total contributions received for SOFA 2022 were Rs 2,03,884. 316 applications were received and after screening, Rs 4,71,000 was distributed to 231 school students, with a maximum of two beneficiaries per family. 18 students were distributed Rs 2,500 each and the remaining received Rs 2,000 each. Money was credited to the bank accounts of all beneficiaries.

2) Dr. Ruchi Sharma Memorial Educational Scholarship 2022

This scholarship scheme is instituted by Dr. R.K. Sharma, Rtd. Head, APMD, VSSC, for students of economically backward categories, in memory of his beloved daughter Dr. Ruchi Sharma, who is no more. Five deserving school students from grades X, XI & XII hailing from financially poor background were selected for an annual award amount of Rs 4000.



The fund is sourced from the annual interest on the FD account started for 5 years duration at the Space Employees Co-operative Society, VSSC, using Rs 3 lakhs deposited by Dr. Sharma to the I-CARE account. The scholarship for 2022 is being awarded to the winners in AGM.



3) Observance of World Cancer Day 2023

I-CARE and ISRO Women Employee's Benevolent Forum (WEB) collaborated with Snehita Women's Health Foundation in the observance of World Cancer Day 2023 along with other 20 like-minded charity & service societies. Breast Cancer & Oral Cancer Screening camp was conducted for the public on 4th Feb 2022 at Cotton Hill School, Thiruvananthapuram. As part of the initiative, ensured quality clinical examination and free Ultrasound and Mammograms. Honourable MP Shri AA Rahim inaugurated the program.



C. Annual Meet 2021

The second annual meet for 2021 was conducted on 7th of March, 2022 at SSC Conference Hall, VSSC. Sri. P. Prasad, Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Kerala, was the Chief Guest. Sri.S. Somanath, Secretary, DOS & Chairman, ISRO, graced the occasion with his presence. Dr. S. Unnikrishnan Nair, Director, VSSC, delivered the introductory remarks and Dr. A.K. Anil Kumar, Chairman, I-CARE, warmly welcomed the gathering.

I-CARE Website, <https://www.icaretrust.org> was inaugurated by Sri. S. Somanath in the function. Annual report and Audited Accounts statement for 2021 were presented. DD, VSSC (MSA) received Rs 4 lakhs from the Chief Guest on behalf of Master Dhyana, s/o Smt. Vidya, former contract staff, for whom I-CARE had started a fund-raising campaign towards liver transplant surgery. Rs 1 lakh was handed over by I-CARE to Dr. A. Sajeed, Additional Director, RCC, for 20 paediatric patients. Director, HFSC, VCMC members and Sr. Head PGA graced the occasion and several employees of VSSC, LPSC & IISU watched the function though VSSC Live in the intranet Ashoka.



Felicitating Secretary, DOS

Handing over of fund for RCC patients



I-CARE team with the dignitaries

D. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund for I-CARE

For receiving the CSR fund from NSIL & ANTRIX, 12A Registration (presently 10AC), applicable for Trust/Organization, has been obtained. Application for 80G is submitted to claim contributors' tax exemption. The necessary details were forwarded to ANTRIX & NSIL to get CSR fund. In the financial year 2023-2024, funds would be released. The expenditure status is to be submitted annually once the CSR fund reception starts.

E. Office Expenses

Some amount was set apart for the administrative expensesas follows:

Bank charges	: Rs 1,298
Audit Fee/ Accounting Charges	: Rs 10,160
Mementos	: Rs 4,875
Total expenditure for the period	:Rs16,333

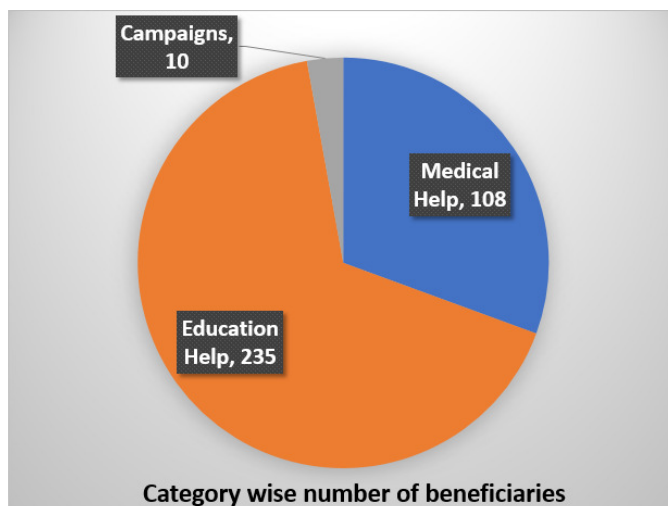


F. Contributions Received

I-CARE has been receiving overwhelming response from ISRO community for its various initiatives. Details are given below

Contributions (Jan 2022 – March 2023)		Amount (Rs)
Regular contributions from well-wishers in ISRO		10,81,826
Individual contributions on special occasions (like arriage/birthday/superannuation/award)		6,66,778
Campaign Contributions	Dhyan Fund	6,72,000
	Cochlear Implant Surgery Fund	4,42,000
	Jesas Abraham Fund	4,40,351
	Jency Denny Fund	1,60,000
	SOFA 2022	2,03,884
	Santhwanam 2023 (Ongoing)	1,40,500
Total contributions received		38,07,339
Balance carried forward	FD at Space Employees Co-operative Society, VSSC	3,00,000.00
	Interest on FD	27,102
	I-CARE Fund closing balance as on 31/03/2023	3,51,442.26
	Cash in hand	6,000
	Total	6,84,544.26

At the end of March 2023, amount with I-CARE : Rs 6,84,544.26



G. Conclusion

The income and expenses of I-CARE and the details of all beneficiaries are recorded in the minutes of Executive Committee meetings. The income and expenditure statements for 2021-2022 were audited by H Vinod and Associates Chartered Accountants. Auditing process for the financial year 2022-23 is in progress.

I-CARE acknowledges the tremendous support and motivation provided for all its noble initiatives by its patron, Secretary, DOS and centre Directors of VSSC, LPSC and IISU. I-CARE places on record its immense gratitude to those members of ISRO family, both employees and pensioners, who support, motivate, and contribute to its various activities. Team I-CARE earnestly requests all members of ISRO family to support its future activities whole-heartedly.

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