

# Annual Report 2007/8

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Our third annual report gives an update for the 12 months to May 2008 - it can be found on our website.

**Message from our Chair, Gill Gorbutt:** "This has been a busy year, particularly for our partners in India who took part in a major needs assessment exercise to establish and prioritise day to day and long term needs among some of the poorest communities that they work with. We found that many families do not have access to basic sanitation and also suffer from a range of treatable diseases. We worked with our partners to set up health education sessions for women who were then able to run awareness-raising and disease-prevention projects in their villages. We are very grateful to all our supporters including the individuals and organisations that contribute financially to our work. Particular thanks to our committee who organised successful presentations, sales and fund-raising events such as the Garden Party and the Big Quiz. Roger Croxson of The One Image has kindly and efficiently revamped and updated our website. It is good that supporters such as Kate Evans, who was able to spend several weeks in India, are able to visit the communities we work with and our two Indian partners CRUSADE and Manushi. Jothi Ramalingam continues to give us very professional support in overseeing our projects in India. It is a sobering fact that one in five families in some areas have a member suffering from trauma due to the effects of the tsunami."



## Needs Assessment

A major needs assessment and analysis resulted in a report backed up by data that highlighted several important issues. For instance, a majority of families in the more isolated and excluded communities do not have access to sanitation. They often live many miles from health facilities and have a high incidence of minor or treatable illnesses and injuries. Project staff (right) were trained to interview families.



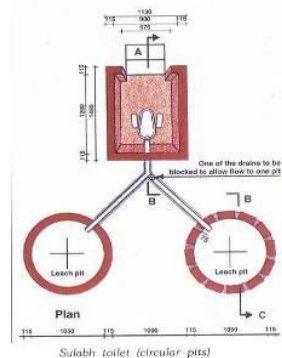
## Health

658 women took part in four-day intensive community health training programmes. Two homoeopathy doctors and an outside consultant led the sessions which included human anatomy and physiology, personal hygiene, environmental sanitation, reproductive child health, nutrition, growth monitoring, communicable and non communicable diseases and specific women's health problems. Many of these women now train others in their communities



## Sanitation

We built two experimental non-water toilets that could be adapted for use in villages. With the help of Sulabh International, which organised the World Toilet Summit in Delhi during 2007, we have identified a system (right) that can be built cheaply and safely for one or two families. We have been raising funds to build more units at £120 each.



### **Kalamkari, Embroidery and Tailoring**

49 women have been trained in embroidery and tailoring and are now able to produce goods while working from home. 13 women in Manushi's area have been trained to produce kalamkari goods. A coordinator and two other women are paid a regular wage by CRUSADE to produce items to order (right).



### **Events, Workshops and Presentations**

The first Tamwed Garden Party took place in the summer of 2007. Over 100 people took part in workshops, bought crafts from India and elsewhere and enjoyed food and music (right). Our committee organises quiz nights, gives talks to community groups and schools and manages stalls at shows where kalamkari items are sold.



### **Visits**

Kate Evans was able to spend several weeks with our partners in India. Having taken part in a Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) course before she went, she tried out her teaching skills in one of the village schools (right).



### **Summary Account**

Income £15,675; Expenditure £11,356. Funds are raised through donations, standing orders, sales, membership and grants. We are grateful to the RH Southern Trust and Osborne Samuel for grants and donations during the year. Our accounts, which are available on request, are independently examined by Nicholas P. Biggs. Tamwed, with its volunteers in the UK, spends nearly all funds on raising awareness and on projects in India which are carefully prepared with our partners



### **Trustees and Committee Members 2007/2008**

Chair: Gill Gorbitt (right), Secretary: Oz Osborne, Treasurer: Jo Pridham, Vice Chairs: John Dixon & Jo Dixon, Minutes & Web: Rosie Agnew, Membership: Gill Aarons. Committee: Geri Laithwaite, Nick Payne, Leon Aarons, Diana Lee, Ian Richards, Jane Murray, Sonia Chapple, Angela Evans. Committee Members are elected during the Annual General Meeting or appointed according to Tamwed's constitution.

