

FRIENDS OF THE POOR IN SOUTH INDIA

Secretary's Report for the AGM on 12th December 2018 For the year ending 30.9.2017

The Trustees have met on the following occasions:

13.12 21.3 6.6 12.9

1) Rural Institute for Community Health - RICH

This year Jesuran Stanley, the Director of RICH and has developed the work very successfully ensuring that the purposes of FPSI have been adhered to. The purchase of the Plantation has been a major development with the intention of providing a steady income for RICH in the longer term future. Inevitably this has been a major investment for FPSI to ensure a stable future for one of our key partners. Activities have included Tailoring Training programmes; Handlooms house based industry; Tuition evening centres for 250 children; Cows project helping 9 families. Plans are in hand to provide alternative employment for Charcoal Burners whose lives are extremely harsh. Safeguarding training has been provided for all staff via the internet.

2) Society for Participatory Research and Integrate Training – SPRIT

We also continue our partnership with Raja Samson and SPRIT in the mountain areas, providing tin roofs and solar lamps for very poor villages and investment in some fishing communities. Raja Samson has worked in these communities for many years and has established a culturally sensitive programme to encourage self-help groups.

Both our major partners have been visited by our Chair, Bishop Laurie Green and his daughter Hannah. Full reports of this visit have been given to the trustees.

Chris Brown and Philip Brown plan to visit our partners in February.

This year marks our tenth anniversary since our foundation as a registered charity in November 2008. From very small beginnings we have established a sound base for many supporters to make donations which they know will be used solely for the relief of the poor and applied with efficiency and integrity. We are very grateful to the many people who have allowed this work to grow very successfully.

We look forward to the next ten years!

Christopher Brown
Secretary 12.12.18