“A frustrated teenager became an asset to the family through skills training”

A case study of Chakali Suresh from Hulikal Village.

Chakali Suresh is a native of Hulikal village of Kalyandurg Mandal. He has studied up to Intermediate and discontinued his studies. His family has only 5 acres of dry land which is the main source of livelihood for the family. Being educated up to intermediate course, he was neither interested to work in their farm land nor to work as a wage laborer. He tried his best to get a job in government and other private sectors but could not get any job. His parents could not support him in starting his own business due to poverty and distress. Thus he was very frustrated and became a liability to the family.

At this juncture AF-EC started 2 skills training centers in it’s project area - one at Kalyandurg and another at Anantapur to equip the rural youth with job oriented skills in various trades like, Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES), Hospitality Services, Customer Relation and sales, House Wiring cum Motor Re-winding and Automobile Mechanism (Two-wheeler). The skills trainings are organized in collaboration with skill pro foundation. Mandal Level mobilization camps were arranged to select rural youth for skills trainings.

Mr. Suresh attended the mobilization camp and got selected for the trade “Information Technology Enabled Services”. He traveled daily from Kalyandurg to his native village and had to bear his food and other expenses on his own. He was very regular to the classes during the 3 months training period and acquired good skills in computers.

AF-EC got him placed as a computer operator in “Mega Mars Cloth Stores” at Bangalore city. He is now getting a salary of Rs. 5500/- per month since 2 months and has managed to get a good name with his employer, because of his hard work.

Mr. Suresh and his family are very happy as they are getting substantial monthly income for the family maintenance. He has taken the responsibility of maintaining the family and thus a frustrated, futile teenager became an asset to the family. His family members expressed their gratitude to AF-EC for assisting him in settling down in life. Now the family is proud of him because of whom, it got some recognition and value in the village.