

Innovative Diwali with Solar lanterns

All the 204 families of Surya Teja nagar in Vishakapatnam celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights with the sola lanterns, when no power supply is yet resumed after the destruction by HUD HUD.

The solar lanterns and bed sheets were distributed by Montfort Social Institute (MSI) on 22nd October,2014 just a day before Diwali. All the residents were very excited to receive the lamps as it brought them a new hope on the day of the festival.

The team which visited many other slums they work, reacted immediately and conducted a survey with the help of a mason and the slum leader when they noticed that all the huts had sarees as their roofs and people shivering in the cold climate.

On 10th November,2014 the Project Director, MSI-HRN Mr. Maria Soosai, the Legal Coordinator, MSI, Dr. C.Narendar Reddy, city coordinator of Vizag, Mr. P.Vasu, team members of HRN - Vizag along with Mr.E.A.S. Sharma Retd. IAS officer visited Sai Satguru Colony which was the worst affected areas by the HUD HUD to distribute the asbestos sheets.

The slum dwellers were very happy to receive the roof sheets which would be used to replace the broken roofs. The Slum leader expressed his heart filled thanks and gratitude to the donors and MSI -HRN for their great help to the cyclone hit area where Government has not even peeped once.

The sheets were donated by the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, Hyderabad Province and Holy Spirit School, Movva, Krishna District.

MSI works in 20 different slums in Vishakapatnam under the Housing Rights Network (HRN) scheme in association with ARTD.







