

## ఓదార్పు (Odarpu)

In view of the severe drought prevailing in the district the farmers, students, Agricultural labour, unemployed youth and destitute persons may undergo additional hardships and some times may resort to extreme steps like ending their lives. To prevent such hardships/mitigate such sufferings the Govt. have already issued instructions vide G.O.Ms.No.421, Revenue (DA-II) Dept., dated 01.06.2004 to create a helpline at district level. In this regard a helpline with toll free number 18004258554 or 1077 given for publication and effective use.

In this regard the following actions may be taken by the departments indicated.

1. The District Revenue Officer shall be the member coordinator of the various departments.
2. Upon receipt of information the same shall be communicated to the mandal level team headed by Tahsildar. The Mandal Level Team shall consist of Tahsildar, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Station House Officer, Mandal Educational Officer, Asst. Social Welfare Officer/Asst. B.C. Welfare Officer/Asst. Tribal Welfare Officer, Agriculture Officer and Bank Manager, Asst. Project Manager (IKP), etc. of the village concerned. The team would systematically undertake the diagnostic study of the cause of the hardship.
3. If the loan burden is on account of childrens education, Education Loan may be arranged in consultation with the Bank Manager.
4. If the hardship is due to drilling of more no.of bore wells the farmers should counsel not to go for further bore wells since limited availability of ground water and alternative livelihood opportunities should be suggested to the farmer at this stage. The Dy.Director, Ground Water or his representative, Vetnary Officer, Horticulture Officer, Agriculture Officer, Bank Manager, MPDO should thoroughly discuss about alternative strategy in consultation with the person affected and the family members. The CC/APM, IKP and Mandal Samakhya at the village level, VO and women SHG also should be consulted for any possible help or financial assistance if, it is not technically possible to assist or to extend financial assistance through bank.

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5. If the hardship is on account of huge private debts with high interest rates a consultative and counseling process shall be facilitated between the family members and the creditors (those who have given credit) and possibilities of reducing the burden shall be discussed and in the same meeting increasing no. of instalments and reducing the instalment amount shall be negotiated. The Village Organisation also should be involved in the entire process of negotiation and also come to the rescue of the family if, any of the distressed family member is a member of the Self Help Group. Job resource person from IKP also should explore possibility of training and making placement to the eligible members in the family. If the head of the family happens to be a farmer and if he had already availed loan from the bank, the possibility of extending financial assistance at Paavala Vaddi, (reduced rate of interest) shall be considered to his spouse by the VO or Mandal Samakhya.
6. The Bank Manager/Mandal Parishad Development Officer also shall explore the possibility of extending financial assistance under any of the subsidy schemes to the major sons or other family members of the distressed family. The Mandal team can take the assistance of family counseling centers already functioning in Guntakal, Dharmavaram, Anantapur and Hindupur Municipalities. The address of the family counseling centers can be obtained from Project Director, IKP (Urban).

The entire exercise should start with in 24 hours after receiving distressed call/information and there should be a continuous track of happenings initiated there after.

It has also been observed that many of the tragic incidents are happening in many families on account of marriages performed to their daughters on borrowing huge amounts. They shall be counselled and encouraged to incur less expenditure on marriage functions and all the poor families shall be encouraged to participate in Kalyanamastu Weddings in order to reduce marriage costs and get divine blessings and strengthen marital bonds.

The mandal team shall provide wage employment to all eligible wage seekers. The mandal team shall ensure proper distribution of the essential food commodities under public distribution system.

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The mandal team shall explain the insurance schemes available for failed bore wells, for children's education and for family pension (Abhaya Hastam).

The 'IKP' team shall facilitate maximum financial assistance under Paavala Vaddi through bank linkage in distressed villages.

In every village there shall be a Odarpu(ఓదార్పు)/Helpline centers consisting of the following members.

- i) Village Revenue Officer/Panchayat Secretary.
- ii) VO Secretary and VO President
- iii) 2 to 3 persons from SHG members
- iv) 2 to 3 elders respected by one and all who should be above controversies.

The village level Odarpu committee shall help in diagnosing, preventing distress and facilitate the counseling process by mandal and district Odarpu teams.

At divisional level the Sub Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer, Dy. Supdt. of Police, Asst. Director (Agriculture), Asst. Director (AH) and 2 to 3 NGOs working in the area shall constantly monitor about the cases referred to the mandal team.


At district level Lead District Manager, Joint Director (Agriculture), Joint Director (AH), General Manager (Industries), Project Director (DRDA) shall coordinate and any other members from NGOs and design a long term, medium term and short term strategies to reduce the distress of the vulnerable families.

The district level committee shall see that appropriate financial assistance and other benefits through various subsidy or non subsidy schemes through bank shall be extended to the distressed family.

The District Revenue Officer shall convene the meeting every month on 5<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am. The meeting shall be attended by all the District Committee Members. The committee shall be chaired by the District Collector or Joint Collector.

The Tahsildar shall submit action taken report on every Monday during the drought season and once in a month in ordinary season.

The whole intention of the Odarpu (ಓದಾರ್ಪು) is to diagnose the causes of hardship, to suggest or counsel all the family members, to suggest alternative livelihood opportunities to the family members and focus by various developmental departments including banks and try to rescue the family from out of perceived/real hardships.

  
District Collector  
Anantapur

To

The Superintendent of Police, Anantapur.

The Joint Collector, Anantapur.

The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Anantapur.

The District Revenue Officer, Collectorate, Anantapur.

The Lead Bank District Manager, Anantapur.

The Project Director, DRDA/DWMA, Anantapur.

The Joint Director, Agriculture/Animal Husbandry, Anantapur.

The District Educational Officer, Anantapur.

The Assistant Director, Horticulture, Anantapur.

The General Manager, District Industries Centre, Anantapur.

The Sub Collector, Penukonda.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Anantapur & Dharmavaram.

The Dy. Director, Social Welfare/Dist. B.C. Welfare Officer/Dist. Tribal Welfare Officer, Anantapur.

All the above officers are requested to send a copy of the same to their subordinate officers for taking necessary action.

**STATEMENT SHOWING FARMERS / WEAVERS SUCIDAL DEATH  
CASES OCCURRED  
IN ANANTAPUR DISTRICT**

Year	No.of Farmers Sucidal Deaths Occurred	No.of Cases Financial Asistance Sanctioned	Balance	No.of Weaver Sucidal Deaths Occurred	No.of Cases Financial Asistance Sanctioned	Balance	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-
2000	21	21	0	0	0	0	-
2001	35	35	0	0	0	0	-
2002	61	61	0	1	1	0	-
2003	72	72	0	0	0	0	-
2004	72	72	0	2	2	0	-
2005	70	70	0	3	3	0	-
2006	69	69	0	10	10	0	-
2007	89	89	0	9	9	0	-
2008	82	82	0	20	20	0	-
2009	45	29	16(Rejected)	4	2	2	2 (Rejected)
2010	10	0	10 *	0	0	0	-

\* Proposals from RDO's are  
awaited

## **Farmer's Suicide cases reported from 01.01.2010 (PendingCases)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Mandal</b>	<b>Name of the Village</b>	<b>Suicide date</b>	<b>Details of the farmer who committed suicide</b>
1	Tadimarri	M. Agraharam	02.01.2010 by consuming poison	Saddala Kullayappa S/o Chinna Battanna aged 48 years belongs to Boys (BC) caste and having 9-50 Acs in the village
2	Guntakal	Kadiripalli H/o Nagasamudram	24.01.2010 by consuming poison	Yarasi Mallikarjuna Reddy S/o late Nagireddy aged 36 years, having wife, 2 sons and one daughter and 6-00 Ac of dry land
3	Bukkapatnam	Kothakota	27.01.2010 by consuming poison	Cheveti Kesappa S/o Ganganna aged 45 years belongs Golla (BC) caste, having 3-00 Acs of Agricultural land and also having Mother, wife and son.
4	Rolla	Kalluoppam Gollahati H/o Rolla	05.02.2010	Eerannagari Onkar S/o Eeranna aged 35 years belongs to Golla (BC) caste.
5	Garladinne	Kamlapuram	Consumed poison on 07.02.2010 and died on the night of 10.02.2010 while undergoing treatment in Govt. Hospital at Anantapur	Yerriswamy S/o Thippeswamy aged 38 years belongs to Baliya (OC) caste and having 2-00 Acs of land (Assigned).
6	B.K. Samudram	B. Kothapalli	10.02.2010	Boya Lingamaiah aged 50 years
7	Kambadur	Venkatampalli H/o Palluru	13.02.2010 by consuming poison	Suryanarayanareddy S/o Venkataiah aged 55 years Kapu (OC) and having 10-80 Acs.
8	Paltur	Kondugarikunta	11.03.2010 at 4.30 AM by consuming pesticide.	Pathipati Gopal Naidu S/o Chinnaiah aged 55 years due to debt of Rs. 70,000/- and having 2-00 Ac of land, wife and two sons.
9	Rapthadu	M. Bandameedapalli	18.03.210 at 10-00 PM by consuming pesticide	Balagonda Bodappa S/o Sanna Nagaiah aged 39 years, having 4-00 AC, wife and son and debts of Rs. 1,25,000/-
10	Dharmavaram	Darsinamala	19.03.210 at about 8-00 PM by consuming pesticide	Chakala Nagappa S/o Subbarayudu aged 45 years having 4 Acs – Reasons to commit suicide are severe stomach pain and indebtedness.