

PROFILE of Ms. HILDA GRACE COELHO



- Name** : Hilda Grace Coelho
- Present Position** : President,
Centre for Rural Studies and
Development (and Andhra Pradesh
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- Education Qualification** :
- M.A. in Sociology
 - P.G. Diploma in Health Management, Georgia State University, USA
 - Three months course on Health and Rural Development at International Nursing Students Association, Bangalore (INSA/INDIA)
 - One year Diploma in Community Health, CCHC, Oddenchatram, Tamilnadu, India
 - One month Short course on Gender and Development, Bangladesh
 - Underwent an Advanced Management Course by MDF, South Asia.
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- Work Experience** : 34 years in rural development(Since 1986).

She has been engaging closely with rural development sector and women's empowerment processes since her college days. She is one of the founder members of the 'Centre for Rural Studies and Development' (CRSD), which works for the rights of the oppressed particularly women since 1991 in Andhra Pradesh. She became its President and the Chief Functionary (CF) in 1993. She has represented the grassroots women voices in several national and international forums. She has been on various government bodies in Andhra Pradesh state on primary education, health and women's development. Presently she is working on mainstreaming *Gender Responsive Budgeting* in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Experience of working in Rural Development

- She has headed and coordinated several initiatives for the last twenty nine years.
- Coordinated the Reproductive Health Project *supported by The Ford Foundation* in 80 villages of Madakasira, Rolla and Agalimandals for the last twenty years.
- Worked on Mainstreaming Child Labour into government schools for the last four years. Presently working on improving the quality of Government Schools in 85 villages.
- Implemented UNDP poverty alleviation programme in MadakasiraMandal for 3 years.
- Worked as a convener of JalaSamakya- A regional Network on Water and Sanitation Issues.
- Served as the convener of Andhra Pradesh Women's Network (APWN) for period 2003-2004.
- Served as the convener of Fresh Water Action Network, South Asia – AP Chapter.
- Successfully implanted a grassroots initiative on the right to water and sanitation from grassroots to state level and even national level with the support of WaterAid, London and DFID.
- Also involved in budget advocacy work related to Andhra Pradesh. Involved in a study on district level budget tracking on water and sanitation sector supported by CBGA.
- Member of People's Monitoring Committee – which is a collective initiative of various dalit organizations, NGOs, agriculture labour unions, and media groups for strengthening public investments. It focuses on the right to work, water and sanitation, scheduled caste sub plan and scheduled tribe sub plan (budget monitoring), and the right to education.
- Organising committee member of Peoples Budget Initiative – (PBI network). Organised South India Annual Consultation and participated in the National Annual Consultations.
- Lead researcher for Andhra Pradesh state in the Gender Responsive Budgeting Study (2013-14) conducted by UN Women.
- Trained 150 elected women representative on role of Panchyati Raj Institutions in local governance 2015 in Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh.
- Currently she is working on mainstreaming Gender Responsive Budgeting in the state of Andhra Pradesh since 2013 and Coordinating a campaign on SDGs.

Experience in Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB)

- Participated in the National Consultation on Gender Responsive Budgeting in India on 19th November 2013 conducted by UN Women at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- Workshop on Gender Responsive Budgeting for State Government Officials, Venue: Cyber Ganga Conference Hall, Planning Dept., Secretariat, Hyderabad, 11-12 December 2013.

- Participated in the consultation - 'GRB revisited: Sharing regional experiences' on 27-28 November, 2014 in New Delhi by UN Women.
- Organised a consultation on Developing the roadmap for GRB in Andhra Pradesh on 30th March 2015, Hyderabad.
- Underwent Training of Trainers - GRB introductory workshop for budget groups from 29th to 31st July 2015 at Bhubaneswar, Orissa organized by NFI.
- Underwent an advanced TOT on Gender Responsive Budgeting - for Budget Groups - 26th to 30th October 2015 at Lonavala, Pune by UN Women.
- Capacity Building training provided to Government Officials on GRB for the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Guest faculty on 'GRB Roadmap for Andhra Pradesh – a proposal' at MCHRD, Hyderabad on 19th November 2015.
- Participated in the brainstorming session on Gender Responsive Budgeting on 18th June 2018 conducted by UN Women to work out the way forward.

International experience

- a) Participated as a invitee at the strategic planning meeting of *WaterAid, London, 1999*.
- b) Participated as a invitee in the 2nd *World Water Forum* convention at *Hague, Netherlands, 2000*.
- c) Participated in the 3rd *World Water Forum* meetings at *Kyoto, Japan* in March 2003 and presented the outcome of the NGO statement in the *Ministerial Conference*.
- d) Invited to speak in the *conference on the Human Right to Water* at Hannover, Germany by Bread for the World (BfW) in 2003.
- e) Invited by the Banyan Tree Foundation (BTF) to South Africa for an exposure to education projects in 2003.
- f) Was on two panels in the 4th *World Water Forum* in Mexico City in 2006. She shared experiences and strategies about Gender Mainstreaming in water related projects.
- g) Contributed a paper on the experiences gained in the Development of gender benchmarks in watershed development for the 'Encyclopedia of Sustainability' of Both Ends, Netherlands.
- h) Participated in the 5th *World Water Forum* meetings at *Istanbul, Turkey* in March 2009. Presented a paper on Rights based approach to water and sanitation in rural India.
- i) Participated in the 2011 World Water Week held in August 21-27, 2011 in Stockholm, Sweden.
- j) Participated in the 2nd Stakeholders consultative meeting for 6th World Water Forum - 2012 in Paris, France during 17th and 18th January 2011.
- k) Participated in 6th World Water Forum during 11th to 17th March 2012 at Marseille, France.
- l) Invited by OXFAM, Mexico to make a presentation on Food Security in India 21-28 February 2015 at Mexico.