

**Brethren Institute for Rural Development (BIRD), Bestavarpet, AP**

BIRD (Prashanthi Nilayam, Valmiki Nagar, Bestavarapet-523 334, Prakasam District, AP) is a non-political, secular, non-profitable, voluntary and social service organization started in 1989 by a group of volunteers. Its main objective is to uplift women, children and disabled (who are socially, economically, educationally, culturally and politically oppressed by the society) irrespective of caste and creed. BIRD's operational area is spread over to 70 villages mainly in 4 Mandals of Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh. BIRD is planning to extend the Dalit women Empowerment through organization activities in 115 (70+45) villages; and CBR for PWDs in 178 Villages in Bestavarapet, Cumbum, Ardhavedu and Komarole Mandals of Prakasam District. BIRD has a total staff of 33 with 5 focusing on CBR for PWDs, and the remaining on Dalit & Women Empowerment. It currently serves 2,628 PWDs in 4 Mandals of Prakasam District. Its annual operating budget is Rs. 23 Lakhs. The main contact person is Mr. Pilli Solomon, Executive Secretary (Phone: 08406-237582/237625, Email: birdl234@rediffmail.com or birdl234@yahoo.com).