



# STUDY PROJECT

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**Anna Canteen Scheme in Andhra Pradesh:**

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### **Introduction**

Drawing inspiration from the highly-successful 'Amma' canteens in Tamil Nadu, the Government of Andhra Pradesh launched its own 'Anna' canteens, named after TDP founder-president NT Rama Rao, across the state.

States like Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Karnataka have started their own versions of subsidized food canteens. In Rajasthan, these canteens go by the name 'Annapurna Rasoi Yojana' and offer breakfast for Rs 5 and lunch for Rs 8. Madhya Pradesh and Delhi also have similar canteens operating under the names 'Deendayal' canteens and 'Aam Aadmi' canteens, respectively. They provide a wholesome nutritious meal for Rs 10.

The intention behind launching these canteens is to tackle hunger in urban areas. The canteens will offer breakfast, lunch and dinner at Rs 5 a meal. As many as 60 'Anna' canteens were opened across Andhra Pradesh in the first phase of the program. In March 2016, the first 'Anna' canteen was opened on a pilot basis close to the Government Transitional Headquarters at Velgapudi in Amaravati. The government is planning to set up more than 300 'Anna' canteens across the state.

The Akshay Patra Foundation will run these canteens under Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation. The canteens are open for all. There are no eligibility criteria but, the beneficiaries' attendance is recorded in the biometric machine installed at the canteen. The quantity of food fixed by the Government is as follows:

Breakfast: a plate of 3 idlis/puris/Pongal

Lunch/Dinner: 400 gr. of rice, a cup of curry, 120 gr. of sambar/dal & 75 gr. curd

### **Methodology**

To study the performance and functioning of Anna Canteens, two canteens out of three in Bhimavaram are selected. Two pre-tested structured questionnaires are prepared for collecting inputs from the beneficiaries and organizers. The questionnaire

for the beneficiaries consists of nine questions while the questionnaire for the organizers contains fourteen questions. As a part of the study, opinions are collected from two organizers and ninety-eight beneficiaries. The study was conducted by girl students of III B.A. from RRDS Govt. Degree College, Bhimavaram in the last week of September and the first week of October 2018.

### Objectives

- To know which sections of people, make use of the facility
- To understand the views of the beneficiaries and organizers
- To find out the problems if any, being faced by the beneficiaries
- To examine the overall performance of Anna Canteens

### Samples (Organizers)

#### Profile of Sample - 1

Sl. No.	Items	Inputs	Remarks
1	Date of establishment	11.7.2018	
2	Place of cooking	Motur, Krishna Dist.	
3	Number of employees	10	
4	Timings	6 am to 10.30 Breakfast 11.30 to 3.30 Lunch 6 pm to 9.30 Dinner	
5	Average number of beneficiaries: Breakfast Lunch Dinner Total	400 400 250 1050	As it is near Bus station, beneficiaries are more.
6	Surplus management	Return to Motur	
7	Shortage management	Intra-town adjustment	

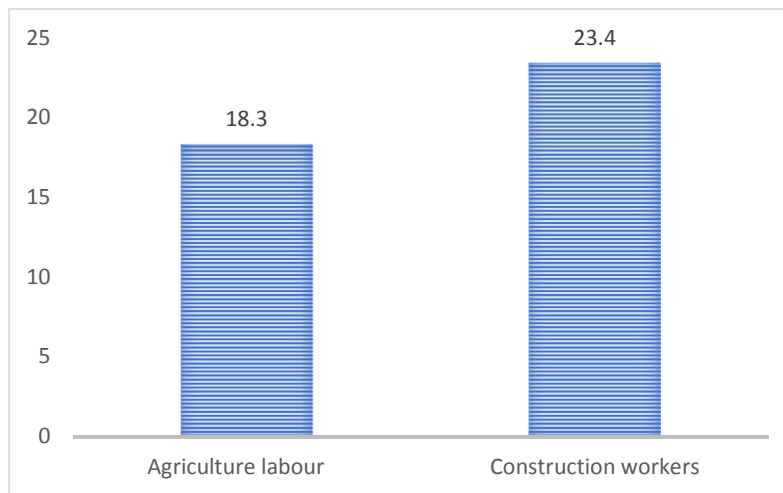
### Profile of Sample – 2

Sl. No.	Items	Inputs	Remarks
1	Date of establishment	29.08.2018	
2	Place of cooking	Motur, Krishna Dist.	
3	Number of employees	7	
4	Timings	6 am to 10.30 Breakfast 11.30 to 3.30 Lunch 6 pm to 9.30 Dinner	
5	Average number of beneficiaries:		
	Breakfast	300	
	Lunch	400	
	Dinner	200	
	Total	900	
6	Surplus management	Return to Motur	
7	Shortage management	-	

It is observed that the sample one is able to serve more beneficiaries as it is near bus station and accessible to more people. Surplus management and shortage management are done, but intra-town adjustment may not be sufficient when the number of users increases. Hence, alternative arrangements are necessary. Further, the location of canteens should not be exposed to din and bustle of the highways. As 9 employees (on an average) are engaged at each canteen, canteens can create employment opportunities also for the local people.

## Background Characteristics of Beneficiaries

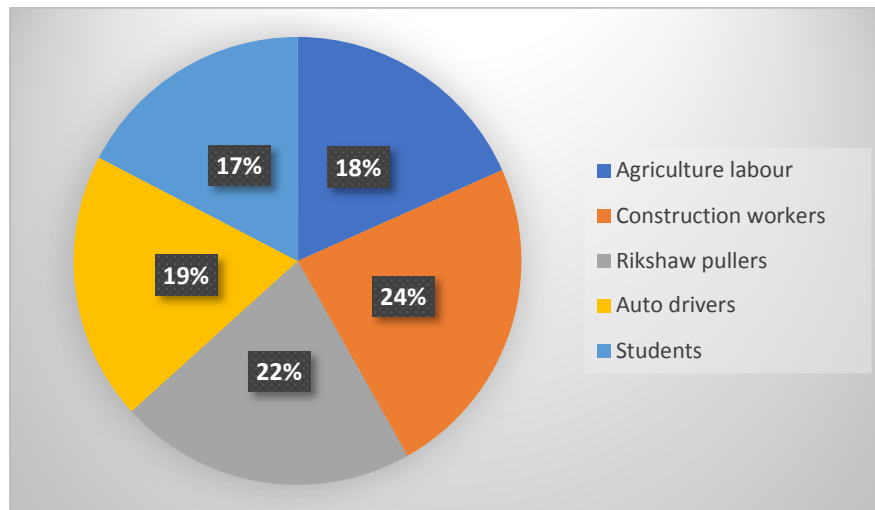
<i>Gender:</i> Male	73 (74.4)
Female	25 (25.5)



Local (Bhimavaram town)	30 (30.6)
Non-Local	68 (69.3)



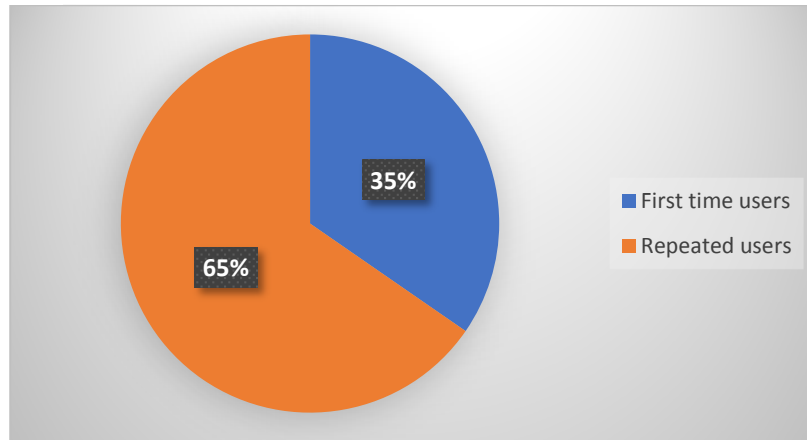
Occupation	
Agriculture labour	18 (18.3)
Construction workers	23 (23.4)
Rikshaw pullers	21 (21.4)
Auto drivers	19 (19.3)
Students	17 (17.3)



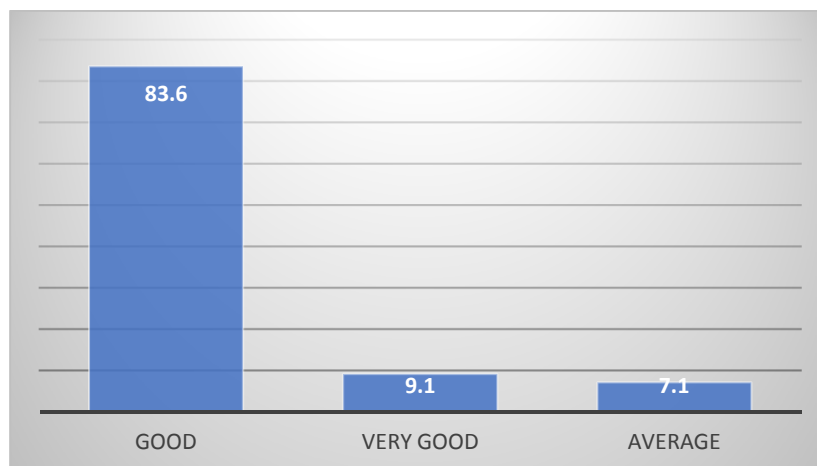
It is noticed in the study of Anna Canteens that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the users are men. About 70 per cent beneficiaries are from the surrounding villages, who come to town on different works like hospital visits, purchasing, cinema watching etc. On the whole, it is observed that patients' attendants occupy larger number since Bhimavaram is a hub of medical facilities. An interesting observation is that there are students among the users who stay in public-welfare hostels and eat at these canteens.

#### **Analysis of Inputs from Beneficiaries (98)**

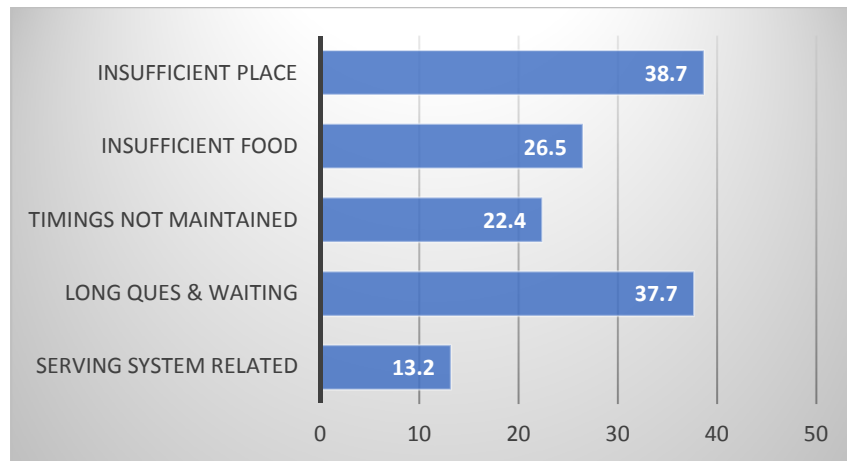
<i>Frequency of usage:</i>	
First time users	34 (34.6)
Repeated users	64 (65.3)



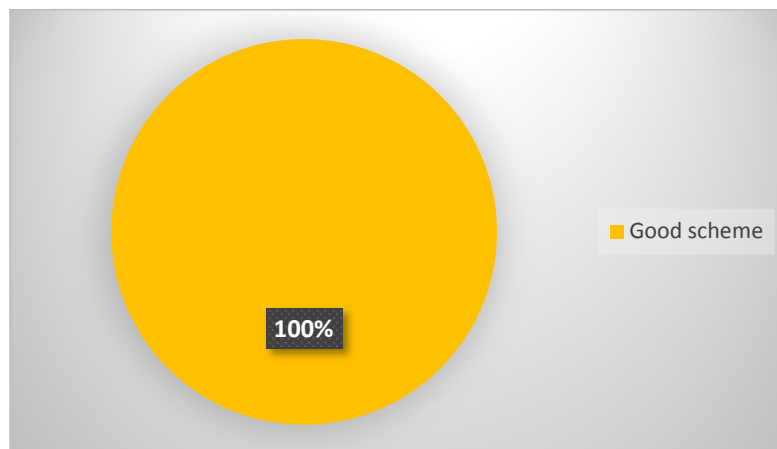
<i>Quality of food items:</i>	
Good	82 (83.6)
Very good	9 (9.1)
Average	7 (7.1)



<i>Problems faced:</i>	
Serving system related	13 (13.2)
Long ques & waiting	37 (37.7)
Timings not maintained	22 (22.4)
Insufficient food	26 (26.5)
Insufficient place	38 (38.7)



<i>Overall opinion:</i>	
Good scheme	98 (100)



*Note:* Numbers in parenthesis denote percentages.

The analysis of the inputs from the respondents reveals that 65 per cent of users are repeatedly using the service. And 82 per cent of the respondents feel that the quality of food items is good. The problems faced by the users are: indifferent attitude of the serving personnel, long ques and waiting time because of insufficient infra, insufficient food, non-maintenance of timings, insufficient water facilities, and hygiene. By and large, the overall opinion of the respondents is that the Anna Canteen scheme is very good and helpful for the poor and the needy.

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