



INDIAN COUNCIL FOR CHILD WELFARE,
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OUR VISION

A society which cares for its children by giving first priority to their Needs, Rights and Protection thereby ensuring opportunities for the fullest development of the innate potential of every child leading to the well being and happiness of both individuals and families.

OUR GUIDING VALUES

1. The U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC) provides a guiding framework for our work.
2. While our focus is child centred we recognize:
 - a. that for the holistic development of children, issues concerning their families, communities and society have to be addressed including poverty and social justice.
 - b. that children and their needs, interests and rights should be considered and have priority in all policy planning and action by Government, both State , Central; the public, and that the ICCW, Tamil Nadu has a role in lobbying for and protecting the interest of children.
 - c. that the child, for the full and harmonious development of his/her personality, should grow-up in a family environment.
 - d. that education is the fundamental right of every child.
 - e. that the girl child needs special attention so as to ensure her Rights to Survival, Development and Protection.
 - f. that to have the most meaningful and widest impact on children's lives we need to work at the macro-level in influencing policy, changing social attitudes and networking with appropriate authorities, media, NGOs, the public and children themselves.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- a) To ensure for children their basic human right to survival, physical, mental and social development and opportunities to grow to their full potential.
- b) To work for the protection of children against neglect, abuse and exploitation.
- c) To initiate, support or undertake any activity for betterment of families and communities, which will ultimately enhance the quality of life for children.
- d) To initiate, undertake or aid directly or through District Councils or Institutional Members, schemes for furtherance of Child Welfare/Development in Tamil Nadu.
- e) To promote dissemination of knowledge and information and to educate public opinion on Child Welfare / Development programmes on a scientific basis.
- f) To promote enactments of legislation relating to matters concerning children and their welfare and to work towards the implementation of the provisions of the Acts.

OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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: Thiru. B. Baskaran

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Hon. Joint Secretary : Tmt. Uma Veerappan
Hon. Joint Secretary : Tmt. V. Jayanthi

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Hon. Secretary : Thiru. Sophilal Harris
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Thanjavur District

Hon Secretary : Thiru R. Raghuraman

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12AA - We are exempted from payment of Income Tax under the Income Tax Act.

80G - Contributions to the Council are exempted from tax under 80G of the Income Tax Act.

**The Council welcomes the
New Office Bearers.
They have been elected for a period of three years from
October 2015**



Tmt. Andal Damodaran
President



Tmt. Seetha Muthaiah
Vice President



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Vice President



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Vice President



Tmt. Girija Kumarbabu
Hon. General Secretary



Tmt. M.B. Vajjayanthi
Hon. Treasurer



Thiru. A. Anbarasu
Hon. Joint Secretary



Tmt. Valli Annamalai
Hon. Joint Secretary (South)

We have touched the lives ' of thousands of children and families through our service

WE PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF OUR WORK in 2015-2016

Sl. No	Name of the Programme	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Creches for Children of Working Women (52)	1500 Children
2	Middle Level Training Centre of ICDS Supervisors	250 Supervisors
3	Mother and Child Welfare Project at Usilampatti	
	Sponsorship Support Girls	194
	Women in Self Help Groups	5190
4	Adoption Scrutiny	
	In-Country Adoption	71
	Inter-Country Adoption	-
5	Education & Child Rights Promotion in Krishnagiri District	6047
6	Sponsorship Programme in Chennai	219
7	Residential Rehabilitaton Centre for the Hearing Impaired and Destitute Children	
	Chennai,	36
	Kilambakkam	18
	Thanjavur	74
8	Community Colleges	
	Usilampatti	90
	Srivilliputhur	20
9	Child Labour Relief Project, Vellore District	
	Self Help Group – Women	5175
	Sponsorship	51
10	Child Line 1098	
	Chennai	394
	Cuddalore	259
11	Crisis Intervention Centre	
	Rescued	3
	Follow - up	10
12	Prevention of Child Beggary	26

Message from Secretary

Dear Members and Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report for the 62nd year of the Council in its service to children in Tamil Nadu.

The Council has a long history of facing challenges and overcoming adverse events with renewed strength and vigour.

The floods in Chennai in December 2015 created havoc to our building and the Creche Centres. It is with great effort and co-ordination, we have been able to protect the children and carry out important repairs. We thank all our Donors and kind hearted friends who came to our rescue in time of great need.

The Asian Resource Centre is now hosted and can be accessed by all interested individuals. The Resource Centre has emerged as a treasure house of information regarding the conditions of Child Protection in many Asian Countries. Efforts are on to build it as an interactive site.

The present scenario in India is causing concern to all of us working with children as more and more cases of Child Abuse and Neglect are reported in the Media. It has become imperative for the Council to seriously concern itself with methodologies for effective intervention in this area. Needless to add there is an urgent need to offer capacity building efforts for professional and para professional workers involved in Child Protection services.

This year the Government of India enacted the Juvenile Justice Act of 2015 in December. This enactment has provisions directly concerning NGOs running Children's Homes and related services. Similarly, the new guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India under Foreign Contribution and Regulation Act have brought out a new set of Rules and Guidelines to be followed by all NGOs. In this light, the one day Workshop organized by the Council in association with M/s Manohar Chowdry Associates assumes significance.

In Usilampatti and Krishnagiri, we are planning for the next phase and are in the process of determining our purpose and our strategy.

In 2015, the United Nations adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) otherwise known as Global Goals based on the Millennium Development Goals. The SDG is an important milestone calling all Social Workers and Development Professionals to work on an inclusive agenda dedicated to promote universal peace, prosperity and the preservation of the Planet Earth. Although the SDG do not specifically talk about Child Rights, it addresses the root cause of poverty thereby touching the lives of children and their protection.

The Council rededicates itself to follow the essence of the Convention on the Rights of Child and the Sustainable Development Goals.

I take pleasure in thanking all our Donors, well wishers and our Staff Members for their contribution without which we could not have been able to accomplish, achieve success in all our efforts to build a World fit for Children.

Thanking you.

Yours in the service of children,



Girija Kumarbabu
Honorary General Secretary.

RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL CRÈCHE SCHEME

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT	: 1954
CHILDREN REACHED IN 2015-2016	: 1500
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN REACHED	: 15000 Children
FUNDING PARTNER	: Grant received from Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India through Indian Council for Child Welfare, New Delhi.

INTRODUCTION:

The Council is a pioneer in providing Early Childhood Care in India. In 1954, a Balwadi Programme was started in order to provide health care, nutrition and pre-school education for children of 3-5 years, belonging to the weaker economic strata of the country.

In the initial stage, the Council ran 14 Balwadis. In 1976, the Government of India introduced a special scheme for Creche, focusing on the needs of pre-school children of working and ailing mothers. The Council, thus, converted its Balwadis into Crèches and expanded the programme to 110 Crèches in the various Districts of Tamil Nadu. With the commencement of ICDS and expansion of ICDS in Tamil Nadu, the need for Creches has gradually declined, restricting the number of Creches run by the Council to 52. ICCW, Tamil Nadu runs a total of 52 Crèches in 6 Districts at present, providing holistic care for an average of 1300 children daily.

Sl.No.	Name of the Districts	No. of Crèches
1.	Chennai	23
2.	Madurai	06
3.	The Nilgiris	05
4.	Thanjavur	03
5.	Vellore	15
	Total	52

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has announced an enhancement of the grant for the Creche Scheme with effect from 1st January 2016. The revised Budget is as follows:

Sl. No	Items	Ceiling Expenditure	GOI share (90%)	Share of State Council (10%)
1.	Honorarium- Creche Worker	Rs. 3000/- p.m.	Rs. 2700/- p.m.	Rs. 300/- p.m.
2.	Honorarium- Creche Helper	Rs. 1500/- p.m.	Rs. 1350/- p.m.	Rs. 150/- p.m.
3.	Supplementary Nutrition @ Rs.12/child/day; 25 children for 26 days	Rs. 7800/- p.m.	Rs. 7020/- p.m.	Rs. 780/- p.m.
4.	Medicine Kit	Rs. 500/- six monthly	Rs.450/- six monthly	Rs. 50/- six monthly
5.	Doctor	Rs. 250/- per quarter	Rs. 225/- per quarter	Rs. 25/- per quarter
6.	Pre-School Education Kit	Rs. 2000/- per annum	Rs.1800/-per annum	Rs. 200/- per annum

The increased budget allocation for food is a welcome measure. As per the revised scheme, the children have to be given supplementary food three times in a day which includes a welcome snack in the morning, mid-day meal and an evening snack. The new scheme proposed the formation of a Creche Monitoring Committee in all the areas where a Creche is functioning. We are hopeful that this Committee will be able to provide the much needed day to day monitoring of the Creche.

However, the revised budget has placed increased financial burden on the Council, as we have to advance funds till grants are received from Delhi. Our share of 10% of the total expenditure will also increase with the increased expenditure as per the grant. The Creche Scheme is now open for inspection by the officials of Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board and Central Social Welfare Board. A team of Auditors from General of Audit Office visited the Creches as part of this audit of the Council during 2015-16.



MIDDLE LEVEL TRAINING CENTRE

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT : 1985

NUMBER OF TRAINEES DURING 2015-2016 : 250

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINEES : 6000

FUNDING PARTNER: : Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India (GOI) through Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

BACKGROUND:

The ICDS is a flag ship programme of Govt. of India offering a variety of services for children of weaker sections of society ranging from 0-6 years of age. The Scheme has an inbuilt provision for supervision and monitoring. Thus, a Supervisor under the Scheme has the responsibility of constantly supervising 25 to 50 ICDS centres in her area.

The Tamil Nadu Government runs 54,439 ICDS Centres, spreading over all the Districts of Tamil Nadu. There are more than 2000 Supervisors in the ICDS Scheme, whose responsibility is to ensure the effective functioning of the ICDS Centres. In Tamil Nadu, the Council is recognized as the Middle Level Training Centre (MLTC) in-charge of organizing training programmes for the Supervisors.

OBJECTIVES

- To offer comprehensive Training for the Middle level Supervisors working for the Government of Tamil Nadu to enhance effective service delivery.
- To acquaint the Supervisors with the latest trends on Child Development and provide information on different components of ICDS.
- To improve the skills and strategies to be used by the Supervisors in the field.

OUR WORK IN 2015-2016

- 10 batches of 32 day long training sessions held.
- Project visits have been conducted for the purpose of need assessment
- Trainers have participated in various workshops in order to update their knowledge and skills.
- Training materials and teaching communication kits have been developed and replicated for the field.

CHALLENGES:

As per schedule, 10 Job Training Course batches should have been conducted by the MLTC in this year. The ICDS, Taramani approved only four such batches between April and August 2015. Therefore, there was no training from August 2015 to January 2016. The Govt. of India (GOI) approval arrived only in the month of January 2016 and MLTC was directed to conduct the remaining six courses between February to May 2016. The Council had to plan differently to accommodate this unusual challenge. The Council agreed to conduct two batches of training simultaneously from February to May 2016, thus imparting training to 150 Supervisors at one time. Secondly, although, directions for resuming the courses were given, funds could not be released by the Government of Tamil Nadu due to the General Election. The resources of the Council both financial and human have been stretched enormously to meet this challenge.

MOTHER AND CHILD WELFARE PROJECT AT USILAMPATTI

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 1988

FUNDING PARTNERS: CIAI, Italy

BACKGROUND

Indian Council for Child Welfare, Tamil Nadu initiated its fight against the practice of Female Infanticide from the year 1988 with a small grant from National Children's Fund, initially working in the 309 hamlets of the Usilampatti Taluk. The first project's phase ensured that no female infanticide occurred in the Block since 2001. The present project aims at long term sustainability to ensure that social changes are achieved; fighting against cultural, religious, and social beliefs that hinder the full enjoyment of rights of girls and women.

The Project provides education for girl children from most vulnerable families through the Sponsorship Programme. It improves the education of the children; provide space for them to express their views with the parents towards continuing their education. The Sponsorship Programme helps children continue education till 12th standard and some of them are supported through higher studies too. To address the problem of unemployment of the rural poor, especially women, who have completed school or discontinued the school for various reasons, ICCW has initiated community college enhancing the skills of these adults and promotes their self employment or employment in their locality for a reasonable salary.

OBJECTIVES

- a) Strengthening the possibilities for Usilampatti girl children to access primary and higher education.
- b) Supporting the girls' access to qualified jobs through the courses of a Community College: professional trainings (nursing, fashion design and garments making, desktop publishing and hardware services) and soft skills education (life and coping skills, communication skills).
- c) Strengthening the linkages between the Community College and the region's industries in order to provide the Community College students with appropriate internships.

The following are the major programmes for the year 2015-2016 :

- Life Skills and Attitudinal Change Training Programme for Adolescent Girls and Youth (boys)
- Education and Vocational Guidance and Training Adolescent Children
- Formal Education to the Sponsor Children.
- The sponsorship support was offered to 194 sponsored children.
- The social workers regularly to monitor the children academic performance.
- During the month of September 2015 the Children were taken to Kodaikanal Hills.

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

P.Priya: I belong to a poor agricultural family. I have a brother and a sister. I enrolled in the Diploma program for Fashion Designing in the year 2014-2015 at the ICCW – Vasantham Community College. I had good internship training during my studies. I successfully completed the course with first class. Now I am working in Uma Garments, Usilampatti where I interned.. This year, my sister has been enrolled in Vasantham Community College to study Nursing.

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Villages Covered	309 Village
Girls Supported with Educational Sponsorship	194
Girls Supported with School Studies	181
Girls Supported with College Studies and Vocational Training	13
No. of Crèches Functioning for Working Women	06
No. of Children in the Crèche	132
No. of Self Help Groups Organized	420
Membership in Self Help Groups	5190
Savings Raised by Self Help Groups	Rs.1,39,07,350/-
Women Supported with Income Generation Programme	420
Facilitation of Credit Support from Bank to SHGS	Rs.17,62,04,200/-

CASE STUDY

Amsavalli , who comes from a poor agricultural family, has been sponsored since 2006 (Class V). She has an elder sister and an elder brother. Due to the family situation their education was cut short, and was sent to work. Amsavalli on the other hand, supported through ICCW, her studies were not interrupted, and she successfully completed her schooling. She then joined Nursing at Vasantham Community College. After successful completion of the course she was placed in Madurai Ahana Hospital as Nursing Assistant.



Nursing Students I yr – 2015-16

ADOPTION SCRUTINY

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 1985

SCRUTINY REPORTS GIVEN: 71

FUNDING: Self sustained

BACKGROUND:

The Indian Council for Child Welfare is one of the National bodies recognized by the Supreme Court of India along with their affiliated organizations to assist the Courts to come to the conclusion with reference to the merits of individual child adoption cases filed in the courts in India.

- ICCWTN has been appointed by the High Court of Madras as Adoption Scrutinizing Agency since the year 1985
- We regularly receive Court Orders to scrutinize and file reports on matters pertaining to In Country or Inter Country Adoptions filed in the High Court and District Courts of Tamil Nadu.

We conduct thorough appraisals and submit our reports to the concerned Courts with reference to the following facts.

- Whether the child is legally free for adoption
- Whether the petitioners are competent persons to adopt a child
- Whether all ethics, norms, and guidelines as stipulated down by the Supreme Court of India, the Central and the State Governments have been followed in a particular case.

THE PROCESS

- All the relevant documents are carefully verified as precursors for reporting to the concerned Court as to whether all the procedures of the Supreme Court and Government of India have been adhered to, details of the child, and whether the adoption placement is in the best interest of the child.
- Records are maintained for all placements of children whose cases have been scrutinized.
- Interaction with State Government and other appropriate authorities to ensure safe procedures to protect the rights of all concerned – the child, the birth parents and adoptive parents is a vital part of the work.

DETAILS OF SCRUTINY FROM APRIL 2015 TO MARCH 2016

Adoption Details	Gender		Special Needs/ Handicapped	Older Siblings	Total
	Male	Female			
In-Country	33	38			71
Inter- Country			-	-	Nil

PLACEMENT AGENCY WISE STATISTICS

Placement Agency	Adoption	
	Inter- Country	In- Country
Grace Kennett Foundation	Nil	9
St .Joseph Charity Institute	Nil	1
Kasturba Hospital	Nil	15
Ananth Ashram Trust	Nil	7
Karna Prayag Trust	Nil	19
Balamandir Kamaraj Trust	Nil	8
Sharanalayam	Nil	4
Christ Faith Home for Children	Nil	8

CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE PROMOTION OF CHILD RIGHTS & EDUCATION IN KRISHNAGIRI DT, TAMIL NADU

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: NOV 2014

NUMBER OF CHILDREN REACHED: 6047

FUNDING PARTNER: WeWorld, Italy

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To realise the Right to Education for all children in Krishnagiri district.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

To ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for 5046 children (6-18 years) from 24 villages in 3 blocks of Krishnagiri district (Thally, Shoolagiri & Vepanappally) and increase the community's resilience in fighting for their children's rights.

The Education and Child Rights Promotion Project is a timely intervention in the border district of Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu for identifying the existing gaps in the implementation of RTE Act and addressing the same through a process of development initiatives. After working on a broad platform in the first phase, now the project is moving on to a more challenging task of empowering communities and building a space for children participation.

The main objectives of the present phase are

- Identify and nurture mechanisms in the community to act as custodians of Child Rights.
- To initiate and organize 15 children Sangams in order to provide space for participation of children.

The project continues to work in the same 3 blocks namely, Soolagiri, Vepnappally and Thally . The council enjoys a working relationship with Department of Education, Government of Tamil Nadu as per the MOU with Government.

Secondly, the focus of the project is now shifted to improve the quality of learning inside the class room. As a result Reading Skill Enhancement, a unique methodology for improving the learning quotient through enhancing the reading capacity of the children, has been introduced in the 24 schools. Under this process, the children are classified as Arumbu, Mottu and Malar. Through regular focussed exercise, their capacities to read and assimilate are slowly being enhanced.

The village volunteers are a group of young men and women selected from 35 villages who act as torch bearers in the community in carrying forward the messages connected to Child Rights and Child Protection. The project continues to employ additional teachers as the teachers vacancy position has not really improved to the optimum level. Still 30 teachers have been appointed through this project.

The formation of 15 Children Sangam is a challenging task for the Project. These children group have been formed in remote villages and consists of 30 children in each group. Regular and organised attempts to provide opportunities to learn and express the opinion in appropriate manner are being created. It is heartening to know that two children from Krishnagiri participated in South Zone Regional Conference for children to evolve the Children Policy for the state. Selvan Kumar participated so well that he was recognised by the Organisers to represent at the South Zone State level Conference organised in Chennai in February 2016.

A signature campaign against the proposed amendments to Child Labour Act was launched by the Project in July 2015. The children took the lead in collecting signatures.7463 signatures were collected and latter submitted to the Governor to be forwarded to President of India.

CHILDREN CENTRED ACTIVITIES

- Appointment of 30 additional teachers in 16 Primary and 8 Middle Schools in three Blocks.
- Computer Centre in Erandrapally Government Middle School, Anjetty Government Primary school and Nerlagiri Government Middle school, there by training 563 school children to become computer literate.
- Career Guidance (Un Vazhkai Un Kayil) and memory skill training for 10th and 12th standard Government School children in 3 Blocks.963 children attended the Training.
- Note books were distributed to 2252 children in 24 target Schools.
- Distribution of nutrition supplement to children studying in 10th and 12th standard in the evening hours. 703 children received nutrition supplement.
- 431 children attended Summer Special Coaching in May 2015. All the children have joined respective Schools after summer coaching.
- 15 Children Sangam have been functioning in 3 blocks with 461 children as Sangam Members.
- 30 Sangam Elected Representatives attended 3 days capacity building training on Sangam concepts, functions of children Sangam etc in May 2015.
- 52 children Sangam representatives participated in Gramasabha on 26th January 2016.

COMMUNITY LEVEL ACTIVITIES

- 52 Government teachers attended training on Positive Discipline.
- A special meeting was conducted for Kodagarai village to motivate the parents.
- Enrolment/awareness campaign was conducted in 24 villages in 3 Blocks by way of door to door pamphlet distribution, street play & human chain formation. As a result 755 children were enrolled in school.
- During September 2015, Awareness Programmes were conducted in 3 blocks, on Anti-child Labour in April, and another on Prohibition of Child Marriage. 20,711 people participated in the Anti-child Labour Campaign, while 20,896 people campaigned against child marriage.
- 24 trainings were conducted for members of School Management Committee on RTE standard in Government Schools, roles and responsibilities and formulation of yearly action plan
- International Day of happiness was celebrated in Nerlagiri village in Vepanappally Block.500 Helium balloons were released in the sky by the community as a mark of happiness. Nearly 600 people witnessed the programme.



Awareness materials too can motivate

Sulochana stands as an example to show how easy challenges are to conquer, when provided with the right motivation.

Sulochana hails from a poor agricultural family from Periamanvaranapalli village. She belongs to the first generation of people to have had an education in her family. She showcased true grit, and resisted the efforts to stop her from getting an education, participating in various awareness programmes organized by the council for education awareness.

She overcame humongous odds, fighting poverty and striving to complete her education. In 2015, she passed her plus two exams with flying colours scoring 1080/1200.To add to her glory, she received an award from her School for securing 2nd rank in entire Vepnappally block. At present, she is studying BSc, but still nurtures her dream of becoming an engineer.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 1976

NUMBER OF CHILDREN REACHED IN 2015-2016: 219

FUNDING PARTERS:

CIAI – Italy,
Espoir En Parriange – Belgium
Debby and Lidwein, Holland,
Individuals in India & Abroad

BACKGROUND:

The Convention on the Rights of Child (CRC) lays emphasis on the need to provide alternate forms of child care to marginalized and vulnerable children in order to prevent institutionalization of children. Sponsorship is an important alternative to Institutions and enables children to live with their families.

This Programme aims to provide children from economically weaker sections with financial assistance and counselling services, in order to help them pursue formal education and vocational training. The Programme helps them to live with their own families and continue their education. Special preferences are given to physically challenged children and girl children. Apart from financial support and counselling, need-based training programmes, health camps, leisure and cultural events are also organised every year for the children and parents.

OBJECTIVE

To offer a home based alternate support to vulnerable Children and Families to ensure the overall development of the children.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN:

Sl No	Date	Event	Participants
1	21/06/2015	Life skill Training	58
2	16/08/2015	Sexual Health Awareness Programme for Boys and Girls	44
3	18/10/2015	Children's meet and Eye screening camp	40
4	06/03/2016	Health camp to families of sponsored children	120

INCOME GENERATION PROGRAMME FOR MOTHERS

The Training Programme for making sweets and savouries was organized on 4th October 2015. A total of 21 parents attended the programme. Ten families have been assisted financially to start business ventures.

Follow up of Cuddalore and Kanniyakumari

The Project ECRFC at Cuddalore and Kanyakumari were closed after 10 years of successfully working with a group of families and children who were affected by Tsunami. The main focus of the Project was to extend Sponsorship Assistance to the children who lost one or both the parents in Tsunami.

CIAI who were our Funding Partner for this project agreed to continue the sponsorship for those children who have not yet completed schooling. As a result 60 children are receiving sponsorship now. The monitoring of these children rest with the Sponsorship Team at Chennai.

Sl.No	Sponsorship	Numbers
1	No. of children covered under Regular Sponsorship Scheme	144
2	No. of children covered in Cuddalore and Kanyakumari	60
3	No. of children covered under Professional & Vocational Courses	15
	Total	219

REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES FOR FLOOD AFFECTED CHILDREN IN CHENNAI:

The floods in Chennai affected the families of our sponsorship children too. To find out the impact of flood, we contacted all the children through the phone. Visits were made to the houses of 10 children who were severely affected by the flood and counselling was given to them.

The flood at Chennai has brought lot of health issues themselves to the people. In order to educate the people and the children about the health hazards and how to protect from avoidable diseases, we organized the health camp. The family members were screened by the Doctors and medicines were distributed.

ICCW has identified 10 most vulnerable families of sponsored children who have lost their household belonging during flood. Based on the need of the families, household utensils and materials were provided by the Project to support the family to come out of the trauma. We place on record our sincere thanks to our Sponsors in Italy, for generously donating for the flood relief efforts.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE OF SPONSORED CHILDREN:

All of the 13 children who appeared for the XII standard examination passed. The highest score was **1138/1200**. All of the 7 children who appeared for the X standard exam passed, and the high score was **441/500**.

S.No	Name of the Student	Marks Scored	Percentage	Class
1.	P. Dinesh Kumar	441/500	88%	X
2.	S.Om Prakash	431/500	86%	X
3.	M.Manjula	416/500	83%	X
4.	R.Udayasankari	1138/1200	95%	XII
5.	A.Divyabharathi	928/1000	92%	XII
6.	P.Sarath Kumar	1046/1200	87%	XII
7.	S.Kishore Kumar	945/1200	79%	XII
8.	S.Sakthi	940/1200	78%	XII
9.	E. Pavithra	933/1200	78%	XII

US TAMIL SANGAM OF CENTRAL INDIANA.

During the current year, the Council has embarked on another valuable relationship with a group of Tamilians settled in US. They are known as US Tamil Sangam of Central Indiana.

Their representatives visited the Council; a detailed presentation about the merits of the Sponsorship Programme was made. Enthused by this, they have mobilized support from their Members for supporting 114 children with sponsorship assistance.

It was decided to select the children from Corporation Schools in North Chennai. 114 children have been selected from the following Schools in Vysarpadi

- Chennai High School at Sharma Nagar 63 Children
- Chennai High School at Ganesapuram 51 Children

The two pre-requisites for inclusion of children in this scheme of assistance were

1. The child should be a regular student with a good academic performance
2. Must belong to a vulnerable family – either from a single parent family or broken family

It is hoped that through this Programme, it will be possible for the Council to touch the lives of 114 children and guide them to success in life.

K.Vasantha Kumari, is a hearing impaired student of class IX, and has been getting Educational Sponsorship through CIAI from 2010. During a Health camp organized in coordination with the Sundaram Medical Foundation on 6th March 2016., the doctors identified variations in her heart beat and traced her history. During investigation, it was found that she had problem in her heart as a child. The Doctors advised to go for further investigations

She was taken to the Madras Medical Mission, for a cardio vascular diagnosis. There she was diagnosed to have a problem in valves and was advised immediate Open Heart Surgery. The approximate cost was Rs. 2 lakhs. Due to the fact that they had a basic insurance covered, they needed Rs. one Lakh money. Looking at the economical position of Vasantha Kumari's family, Fortis Malar Hospital reduced the charges to Rs.30, 000/-. She was also taken for a review in the month of May and was found to be recovering.



Young Kavitha is an excellent student with a diverse set of skills, and is being supported by CIAI through the educational sponsorship from the year 2006. Kavitha's parents have separated and she lives with her father and two younger brothers. Her father Ramaswamy is working as a watchman and his income is very meagre. She has secured 477 out of 500 marks in the X State Board Exam and secured 1146 marks out of 1200 marks in the Higher Secondary exam held in the year 2011.

In the year 2011, Kavitha joined Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic and communication Engineering) at Panimalar Institute of Technology through the Professional Course Assistance. **She has successfully completed her course in 2015 and joined Infosys in the same year. She is now an economically free young woman with a take home salary of Rs. 40, 000/- per month.**



COMMUNITY COLLEGES

A movement to enable adolescent youth in becoming employable as Adults

BACKGROUND

The Community College is an alternative system of education, which is aimed at the empowerment of the disadvantaged and the under privileged youth through appropriate skills development leading to gainful employment in collaboration with local industry and community.

The Community College courses are playing a major role in fulfilling the economical needs of adolescent male and female children from marginalised families.

In addition to imparting technical skill, the Community College focuses on the following aspects.

- Life coping skills.
- Inter personal relationship and communication skills.
- Spoken English.
- Basic Computer Education.

Due to this, the students receive a comprehensive training and come out of the Community College with clear cut values and goals for their lives, more confident to face the challenges of the outer world.

At present, the Council is running two Community Colleges at

1. Vasantham Community College, Usilampatti
2. Suder Community College, Srivilliputtur.

ICCW-VASANTHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, USILAMPATTI, MADURAI DT

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 2010

FUNDING PARTNER: CIAI, ITALY

COURSES OFFERED

- Diploma in Computer Hardware Servicing
- Diploma in Desk Top Publishing
- Diploma in Health Assistants.
- Diploma in Fashion Designing and Garment Making

STRENGTH OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE OFFERED	2015-16
Diploma in Desk Top Publishing	15
Diploma in Computer Hardware Servicing	18
Diploma in Fashion Designing and Garment Making	15
D.Nursing-I	21
D. Nursing-II	21

ICCW SUDAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SRIVILLIPUTHUR, VIRUDHUNAGAR DT

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 2008

COURSES OFFERED:

- Diploma in Computer Hardware Servicing
- Diploma in Fashion Designing and Garment Making

No. of Batch	No. of Students	
	Trained	Employed/Higher Studies
I Batch 2008	43	41
II Batch 2008-2009	37	32
III Batch 2009-2010	73	61
IV Batch 2010-2011	60	48
V Batch 2011-2012	60	58
VI Batch 2012-2013	41	35
VII Batch 2013-2014	37	32
VIII Batch 2014-15	21	21
IX Batch 2015-16	20	Results awaited

CHALLENGES

The Council after the withdrawal of funding from CIAI, Italy is on the lookout for the funding of this Project. Various appeals sent to Donor Agencies have not been successful so far. Due to the funds crunch during 2015-16, Sudar Community College could admit only 20 students. Efforts are still on to identify a Donor to support this essential service.



FDGM Course at Usilampatti, Madurai Dt



L. Ramya- 1st Rank- TNOU- DDTP Course

RESIDENTIAL CARE PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 1981

- 1981: Home for Destitute Children, Chennai
1985: Home for Destitute Children, Kilambakkam – Thiruvallur District
1972: Children's Home, Thanjavur

FUNDING PARTNERS: Department of Social Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, through a grant-in-aid under Cottage Scheme.

BACKGROUND:

The Council provides residential care facility for boys who are either non-adoptable orphans or from dysfunctional families due to their circumstances. Three such Homes have been established, one at Chennai and the other two in Thiruvallur and Thanjavur Districts.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide a family like atmosphere and appropriate care to the Destitute Children.
- To integrate Normal and Challenged Children and instill in them values of caring and sharing.
- To provide opportunities for the overall development and building of self-confidence in children.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- A Residential Centre for Destitute Children.
- Provide opportunity for Education
- Provide children with opportunities for their holistic development through extracurricular activities such as art competitions, drama, etc.

Sl.No	Particulars	Total Orphans	Children with Parents
1	Disadvantaged Children in our Home in Chennai	4	27
2	Hearing & Speech Impaired Children in Chennai	1	4
3	Disadvantaged Children in our Home in Kilambakkam	1	17
4	Disadvantaged Children in our Home in Thanjavur	20	54
	Total	26	102

IMPORTANT EVENTS:

- The Annual Review Meeting with the children and parent care take of the Shenoy Nagar Centre was organized 30th April 2015.
- On 18th November five children of our Home participated in the Cultural Programme held at Balavihar and presented a dance performance.
- On 7th February the children participated in the sports and organized by Bhoomi Organization, one of whom has won the first prize in this competition.
- Two boys from our home in Chennai participated at the event in Chennai.

PARTICIPATION IN EVOLVING THE CHILD RIGHTS POLICY FOR THE STATE ON 25TH AND 26TH FEBRUARY, TWO OF OUR CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THE CHILD RIGHTS EVENT ORGANIZED BY FORUM FOR CHILD RIGHTS PARTICIPATION, AND TWO BOYS FROM THANJAVUR PARTICIPATED IN THE REGIONAL MEET AT TRICHY.

AWARDS IN YOGA COMPETITION FROM THANJAVUR Out of 20 participants, 6 student were selected in the 8th All India level Yoga Mela competition conducted by the Mahasakthi Academy, Jaya Sri Mahadhev Trust, and Santhineketan Group of Schools on Sunday 16th August 2015 at Jaigopal Garodia National Higher Secondary School, Chennai and won 1 Bronze Medal, 4 Shield and 6 Medals.

FLOODING AT THE HOME IN CHENNAI

The unprecedented rains created havoc to the home premises at Shenoy Nagar. The entire ground floor was flooded and remained flooded for 3 days. The children had to be shifted to the first floor along with their belongings. Provision and other materials for the consumption of children had to be safeguarded.

The children had to adjust to candle light as there was no electricity supply. We survived mainly due to the timely support of donors who raring the rain reached the children at our home in Shenoy Nagar with food packets.

Our special thanks to all donors and volunteers who provided food and catered to other needs during the crisis.

All the Homes are registered and recognized under the J.J. Act (Juvenile Justice Care and Protection Act of Children) 2000. All the Children are produced before the Child Welfare Committee to be eligible for residential care. The details of all the children are enrolled in the Government Online Child Tracking System.

THANJAVUR DISTRICT

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT - 1972

Two major activities are being carried out by the Thanjavur District Council

1. Running of a Boys Home at Thanjavur
2. Running 3 Creche Centres at Saliyamangalam, Thiruvaiyaru and Neiyvasal

The Thanjavur Council celebrated its 50 years of service to children in 2015. His Excellency the Governor of Tamilnadu Thiru.DR. K.Rosaiah was present as Chief Guest for the Golden Jubilee year celebration.



NATIONAL PAINTING COMPETITION - 2015

Indian Council for Child Welfare – National, organizes every year a “Painting Competition” for normal and differently abled children at the National Level and invites entries from all States of India.

In Tamil Nadu, Competitions were organized throughout the State. All the District Councils were requested to conduct the competition at District Level and send us the winning entries. 168 Paintings were received by the Council from 9 District of Tamil Nadu. 25 Paintings were selected as prize winning entries and the paintings were forwarded to New Delhi. At the State level, 15 best paintings were selected and provided with cash Award as well as a Certificate of Participation

CHILDLINE -1098

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: Chennai– 1999, Cuddalore – 2005

NO. OF CHILDREN REACHED: Chennai- 394, Cuddalore- 259

FUNDING PARTNER: Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India through Childline India Foundation

BACKGROUND:

CHILDLINE is India's first 24-hour; toll free, phone outreach service for children in need of care and protection. Childline India Foundation (CIF) set up by Government of India is responsible to initiate Childline., It currently functions in 366 cities across 34 states / UTs in India, reaching out to the most marginalized children with the aim of providing them relief and rehabilitation in the space of shelter, medical aid, repatriation, rescue, emotional support and guidance. CHILDLINE collaborates with Police Departments, Government Departments and other functionaries operating under Juvenile Justice Act 2015.

CHENNAI CHILDLINE:

Chennai CHILDLINE was started on 30th April 1999 as a Government and NGO Network. The Council is one among the four Collaborative Organizations maintaining round the clock call receiving centre in the city. We respond to calls on 1098, provide emergency intervention, link children with services and document every call.

CUDDALORE CHILDLINE:

CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF) initiated this service after Tsunami in the year 2005, and is managed by the District Council of Cuddalore.

Call Particulars	Chennai CHILDLINE	Cuddalore CHILDLINE
Medical Assistance	02	10
Shelter	101	54
Restorations	96	28
Rescue from Abuse	73	91
Emotional Support and Guidance	37	43
Missing Children I & II	65	25
Information & Referral	-	
Referred by other Child Line	17	05
Death Related	-	
Unclassified	3	
Sponsorship		3
B NON-INTENTION CALLS	236	41
TOTAL	630	300

Publicity and Awareness Programme: In order to create awareness about CHILDLINE services, innovative and intensive awareness campaigns were carried out throughout the year.

Sl.No	Target Group	Chennai CHILDLINE	Cuddalore CHILDLINE
1	Auto Drivers	696	
2	PCO Owners	77	40
3	ICDS Supervisors	100	
4	Police Station	689	
5	RPF Police	98	
6	Schools/ Shelter Home children	5462	7500
7	Summer Camp	208 children, 500 students	
8	General Public: Tourist haunts/ Bus stops/ Railway stations	5277	3000
9	Shops	5635	
10	Slum / Village	158	4500
11	Institution	80	
12	Childline se Dosti	192	
13	Signature Campaign	More than 800 people	
14	Press meet	30	
15	Medical camp	138	
16	Training for children	36	
17	Awareness on Childline For Anganvadi mothers	56	
18	Komal Video screening at Anna Nagar Tower park	More than 500	

72 CHILD MARRIAGES WERE STOPPED BY ICCW CHILDLINE IN CHENNAI AND CUDDALORE IN 2015-16

Back to School

On 20th July 2015, ICCW-TN CHILDLINE received a call from a 14 year old Ram working in a Chip Shop in Valsaravakkam, since the last five months. He was not paid and was physically abused.

His parents were separated and his brother was looked after by his grandmother a native of Palakodu TK, Dharmapuri District. The grandmother and this child was produced before the Child Welfare Committee on 23rd July 2015. They were counseled on the importance of education. After counseling the grandmother agreed to educate the child and took him back home. The Employer was fined an amount of Rs 20,000/- which was handed over to the

Wedlock no more

The President of Consumer Rights Forum, Cuddalore District complained about a child marriage. The child aged 15 years was from a remote village of Kurinchipadi Taluk, Cuddalore District and was a school dropout and from an economically backward family. The parents had made arrangements for her marriage. The child was against the marriage so she approached CHILDLINE for help through the Consumer Rights Forum.

Childline initially verified the age of the child and rescued the child with the help of the District Social Welfare Officer and Police. Childline produced her before the Child Welfare Committee and then restored with her family. The child is continuing her studies and also gets a stipend of Rs 1000/- from TN Government for child marriage victims.

PREVENTION OF CHILD BEGGARY

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT	: 1994
NUMBER OF CHILDREN RESCUED IN 2015-16	: 26
FUNDING PARTNER	: Department of Social Defence, Government of Tamil Nadu

BACKGROUND:

Having found a large number of children forced into begging in the City of Chennai, the Council initiated serious efforts in 1994 to rescue these begging children.

This is a Programme filled with challenges. As per Guidelines, the rescued begging children have to be produced before the Child Welfare Committee. Many a time, a child who is rescued after great struggle from the street, is given back to the parents by the CWC. The efforts at rescue are nullified by this Act.

Secondly, the public seem to have an approving attitude towards child begging and resent these children being cornered and rescued by the staff members of the Council. The issue is large and calls for an in-depth understanding of the causative factor and a multi-sectoral approach

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT:

- To rescue begging children the streets
- To provide counseling to children and their families as a preventive measure.
- To provide counseling for alternate livelihood for families.
- To rescue children from adults who willfully exploit them for begging and if necessary take legal actions against them.
- To dissuade families from employing children for selling articles in the traffic circle.
- To carryout programmes to sensitize and solicit the cooperation of general public.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

1. No. of signal visits	: 30
2. Begging Women/Men with Children Identified	: 18
3. Begging (Counseled)	: 26
4. Total No. of Children rescued	: 26

CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTRE FOR PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 1994

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN RESCUED: 03

FUNDING PARTNER: Department of Social Defence, Government of Tamil Nadu

BACKGROUND

Child Abuse is a serious violation of Child Rights, be it physical, emotional or sexual. In many instances of this heinous crime, the child is abused by family members, employers and teachers. Although harmful to the development of children, physical punishments is considered necessary by parents and teachers, and society does not acknowledge the presence of sexual abuse. Since its commencement in 1994 with a small assistance from Government of Tamil Nadu, the Crisis Intervention Centre was the cornerstone to all our efforts to protect the Rights of Children. The main objective of the Center is to rescue children from abusive circumstances and place them in a positive environment to ensure rehabilitation. Simultaneously, the Centre aims to create awareness among the stakeholders and thereby prevent abuse of children. At present, this Centre functions as an invaluable part of Childline Services.

Sl. No	Particulars	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Rescued	03 Children
2	Follow-Up	10 Children

RESCUED FROM CHILD LABOUR – ON THEIR ROAD TO REHABILITATION

Kumar and Ram were sent by their respective family to work for a Snack Manufacturing Company in Ahmedabad, from a small village in Theni District, but the conditions were very traumatic for the boys. They were not given food and subjected to physical and verbal abuses. Unable to face the daily torture, they decided to escape one day, and travelled ticketless from Ahmedabad to Chennai.

Upon arrival in Chennai, they decided to take a bus to their native village. They were caught by the Police as ticketless travel is not possible in a bus. They were referred to Chennai CHILDLINE. After due process, the family decided to allow the boys to continue their education by staying in the ICCW Boys Home in Chennai. For the past one year they are leading the life of a child – go to School – playing with their friends and dreaming about their future

CHILD LABOUR RELIEF PROJECT AT VELLORE

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT : 1985

FUNDING PARTNER : Grant received from Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India through Indian Council for Child Welfare, New Delhi

BACKGROUND:

Child Labour in Beedi Industry has been declared hazardous and has been prohibited by the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act 1986. However, the practice of employing children for rolling beedis continued. In order to prevent this heinous practice and ensure the rights of children, the Council launched a special Project in Vellore in the year 1985. Until 2005 we continued to work in 16 villages for eradicating child labour in the Beedi sector. We have released 108 pledged children and have mainstreamed 2457 working children in this area. Due to our intense campaigning, the availability of support services and strengthening of Government, monitoring the system has been abolished in the 16 villages. The Project has evolved as a support programme for promoting quality education and active community participation.

Economic empowerment of women through formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs); Educational Support through the Village Education Development Committees formed by the Council; direct sponsorship assistance to children for school and higher education are some of the strategies employed in the recent time. With the efforts of the Members and volunteers at Vellore and with the support of District Council Fund and well wishers and donors the damaged old building of the office at Vellore was completely demolished and a new building with latest amenities was constructed. The inauguration was held on 10th December 2014. Total Cost of the Project was 24 lakhs. Now the first floor construction is going on.

No.of Creche functioning	15
No.of children attending	360
No. of Village Education Development committee functioning	01
No.of member in VEDC	15
No.of Women Self Help Group	Urban : 195
	Rural : 148
	Total : 345
No.of members in WSHG	5175
Total Savings of the Women Group	Rs.2,58,75,000/-
Total Amount of Loan Avail from ICICI Bank	Rs.44,08000/- (10 Groups during the year)
Trainings conducted for Adolescent Girls(Beautician Course)	02
No.of Adolescent Girls Benefitted	26
No.of Students completed the Vocational Training in Computer	Boys: 08 Girls: 30 Total:38
No.of Girls completed the Vocational Training in Tailoring	6 Months course : 55; 3 Months course : 75
No.of National Level Painting Competition conducted	01
No.of Students participated in the Painting Competition	756 students from 400 Schools.
No.of Children attended Drawing summer course	37
Computer summer course	15
No.of children received Sponsorship Assistance	51

ASIAN ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER FOR PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT : September 2014

FUNDING PARTNER : International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN)

An important collaboration with ISPCAN has resulted in the setting up of Asian Online Resource Centre by the Council. ISPCAN is a multi-disciplinary international organization that brings together a worldwide cross-section of committed professionals to work towards the prevention of child abuse and child maltreatment in every nation, whether it is in the form of physical, sexual or emotional abuse. This International body is currently in the process of creating an online resource facility about Child Abuse and Neglect for the different regions of the world as mentioned below.

1. Latin America Resource Center
2. Africa Resource Center
3. Arab States Resource Center
4. Asia Resource Center

The task of building an online resource site on child abuse and neglect for the Asian Region has been assigned to the Council. This Project is for a period of three years and commenced in the later part of 2014. After nearly 10 months of hard work the Council had successfully hosted the site in the name of *ISPCAN Asian Online Resource Centre for Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect* with its site address: <http://www.iccwtnispcanarc.org>.

The Resource Centre aspires to provide Country wise comprehensive information on matters relating to child abuse and other connected issues. Laws, Government Policies, Medico Legal Issues, Child helpline Numbers, systems in place to deal with child protection issues & etc. pertaining to 27 countries in four Regions of Asia are covered.

This valuable web site aims to provide general as well as Country specific guidelines and other resource materials for the benefit of stakeholders such as Medical/ Legal / Social Work Professionals - Law Enforcement Authorities and Judiciary of respective Countries who deal with cases of child abuse & Neglect. Materials are also available to educate teachers, parents and children themselves on preventive aspects. The site is continuously being updated and contains information regarding the following

- Child Abuse
- Child Marriage
- Laws and Policies
- Prevention of Online Abuse
- Child Labour
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Life Skills Education
- Child Trafficking
- Statistics
- Child Protection during Emergencies
- Training Manuals for Professionals
- Guide to Parents
- Materials for Doctors and Mental Professionals regarding Abused Children

Visit the site <http://www.iccwtnispcanarc.org> to learn more about Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

INFORMATION, DOCUMENTATION & RESEARCH CENTRE

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 1993

BACKGROUND:

The Center was started in 1993, to fulfill a need for centralised information on children's issues. The main objective of IDRC is compilation, documentation and dissemination of information on women and children in India particularly in Tamil Nadu and to present it to all concerned with child development.

The Center has a library with a rich collection of books, documents, reports, Government Orders, articles and paper cutting on all matters relating to child welfare. This Centre also serves as a training ground for PG students in Child Development, Social Work and Sociology

OBJECTIVES

- The compile, document and disseminate information on all areas of child welfare and development in India, particularly Tamil Nadu.
- Ensure availability of this information to all concerned with child development.
- Initiate and sustain advocacy programme for promoting Child Rights Awareness

ONE DAY TRAINING PROGRAM ON FCRA, INCOME TAX & SERVICE TAX

The Government of India has recently amended the Rules under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, as notified on 14th December, 2015. Key Amendments have been made to the Income Tax Act and the Service Tax Act too, that are applicable to the functioning of NGOs. It has become mandatory for NGOs to learn about the changes and follow the rules as otherwise they risk cancellation of FCRA registration.

The Council organized a one day Training Programme on the revised FCRA Rules, Income Tax Act and Service Tax Act on Sat 9th January 2016 at the Office premises in Shenoy Nagar in collaboration with M/S Manohar Chowdry Associates. The Programme was attended by 12 NGO representatives. Mr. I. Daniel Selvaraj and Ms D. Theresa from M/S Manohar Chowdry Associates, well known Auditors, were the Resource Persons.

THREE DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME ON SOCIAL DEFENCE ISSUES FOR GOVERNMENT/ NGOS/ PANCHAYAT FUNCTIONARIES

Indian Council for Child Welfare, Tamil Nadu in collaboration with Department of Social Defence, Government of Tamil Nadu and National Institute of Social Defence, New Delhi organised a three day State Level Sensitisation Programme on Child Protection issues for Government / NGO / Panchayat Representatives from 24th to 26th February 2016 at Asha Nivas Chennai. 40 participants participated in the Training

ENSURING CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN DRAFTING THE POLICY FOR CHILDREN

The Forum for Promotion of Child Participation – Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, A Network of NGOs along with UNICEF organized Consultations to collect the views and opinions about Child Rights, and changes that they want to convey especially at the level of formulation of policies, programmes and legislations. Their views were collected, compiled, and submitted to the Govt. of Tamil Nadu. It

will be incorporated in the State Policy for Children. In this connection four Regional Consultations in Erode, Madurai, Chennai and Trichy were organised.

ICCW-TN organized the Regional Children's Consultation at Trichy on 6th and 7th February 2016 at TASOSS, Trichy. 40 Children participated from the 14 NGOs in the eight Districts. (Ariyalur, Karur, Nagapattinam, Permbalur, Pudukottai, Thanjavur, Thiruvarur and Trichy). Finally 10 children were selected for the State Level Consultation. It was interesting to note that two boys from our Thanjavur Home took part in this Consultation.

Two children from ICCW-TN participated in the Regional Children's Consultation at Chennai on 26th and 27th February 2016 organised by Arunodhaya. It is interesting to note that one child representative from Krishnagiri was invited to participate in the State level Consultation organized at Chennai on 28th and 29th February 2016.

STUDENT PLACEMENT

Students of Social Work from 4 city colleges visited our organization for Observational Visits. During this period, 23 students from different College of Social Work were placed for Fieldwork Training.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- The Child Welfare Organiser and Information Officer attended the Tamil Nadu Foundation Annual Conference on 16th May 2015
- The Information Officer attended the UNICEF Pretesting of Logo at the UNICEF Office on 16th February 2016
- The Vice President attended the Conference on Improving Standards of Care for Alternative Child & Youth Care: Systems, Policies and Practices", on 18th & 19th March 2016 at Noida organized by Udayan Care.
- The Principal, MLTC and Junior Officer, ISPCAN attended the workshop on Social Media for Advocating Child Rights on 3rd and 4th Nov 2015 youth organized by UNICEF and TNCRO.

ISPCAN Conference: The President, Vice President and The Chairperson, Home Committee attended the meeting of South Asia Regional Network on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect at Malaysia in September 2015.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE COUNCIL:

- Handbook on Child Adoption in India (1996)
- Saving The Girl Child: Process Document (1998)
- Saving The Girl Child: A Strategy Manual (1998)
- Child And Law in India in English (1998) and Tamil (2003)
- Directory for Childcare Organizations in the State of Tamil Nadu & the Union Territory of Pondicherry (2000)
- Training Manual on Child Rights in Tamil (2000)
- My Rights : Tamil (2001)
- Unkathai (My Story) (2001)
- Children of Tamil Nadu And The State Budget- An analysis 1998 – 2003 - (2004)A Summary 1998 – 2004 –(2004)
- My Protection Rights (2005)
- Protection Rights: A Trainers Training Manual in Tamil (2005)
- We and our Children in Tamil (2006)
- Booklet on Village Level Watch Dog Committee (2007)
- NGO Report of the Situational Analysis of Children and the Realisation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) 2003-2007 in Tamil Nadu²: Consolidated Report and Report at a Glance (2008)
- A Report of the Consultation with Children in Tamil Nadu: Voices of Children (2008)
- Resource Book on Child Abuse (2010)
- Positive Discipline (2012)
- Vendam Kuzhanthaikal Thirumanam : A Training Manual on Prevention of Child Marriage (2014)

CASSETTES

- Pappa Pattukkal: for Preschool children
- Vanga Padalam: for Non Formal Educational Classes - Part I & II
- Thalattu: Lullabies in Tamil
- Kuzhanthaikalai Kondaduvom CD (2014)

RESEARCH

- Socio-Demographic Profile of Institutionalised Children in Tamil Nadu
- Early Childhood Care and Development -1994
- Child Adoption Thereafter – A research study of adopted children in Tamil Nadu
- Children of India Placed in Adoption / Guardianship both In-Country and Inter Country: a database from April 1993 – March 1998. -1999

MAPPING & REVIEW OF CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE (CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN) ACT, 2000 (JJ ACT) & OTHER HOMES IN TAMIL NADU AND PONDICHERRY

The Indian Council for Child Welfare, Tamil Nadu has been invited by Childline India Foundation (CIF) to take part in an exercise of Mapping & Review of Child Care Institutions under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 (JJ Act) & Other Homes in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry based on the Direction from Supreme Court of India vide order dated 7 February 2013. This Study is being undertaken by Childline India Foundation in all the States in India.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY ARE

- To create a National database with State and District wise delineation of CCI/Home which are registered under (JJ Act/ or any other State based Legislation)/or unregistered/or licensed/or notified as fit etc
- Documentation related to registration/recognition/licensing and status of functioning of each CCI/Home reviewed; with details mentioned in the prescribed format

In Tamil Nadu, the Council has been invited to conduct the survey in 12 Districts and in two Districts in the Union Territory of Pondicherry. Nine Review Teams consisting of 3 members have been formed to cover the 14 Districts in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. The team have to be accompanied by a Representative of the Government while visiting the Child Care Institution.

A Training Programme was organized in Chennai on 2nd and 3rd February 2016 for the Review Team Members in understanding the purpose of the survey and the methodology. They were guided step by step in collection of information as per the specified Proforma. The study will hopefully cover the functioning of more than 500 CCIs in the above mentioned Districts in Tamil Nadu and will throw light on the conditions of children in the Institution.



THE FURY OF FLOOD -DECEMBER 2015

The City of Chennai and the coastal Districts of Tamil Nadu received unprecedented rains in December 2015. The city of Chennai and Cuddalore were literally flooded causing an unimaginable disaster and destruction to human lives and property.

The Council swiftly evolved relief work for the flood affected people of Bharathipuram, Shenoy Nagar and 8 villages in Kurinchipadi Block, Cuddalore District

In Chennai apart from trying to restore and repair our premises, the Council had to organize various relief work to mitigate the suffering of flood affected victims.

1. 100 Baby Kits containing : Baby food, clothing and diapers for children below the age of 3 years were distributed to mothers who were sending their children to our Crèche in Shenoy Nagar and to other children in the area
 2. 500 women were given undergarments and clothes.
 3. 750 identified families were given a bag containing household articles, provisions, rice, dhal, bedsheets and other essentials. This entire exercise was organized by Mr Deepak and his friends
 4. Save the Children Chennai donated cartons of Horlicks and Oreo biscuits.
 5. Large donations of bedsheets and provisions were received which were in turn distributed to the needy people.
 6. Group of employees from Mahindra Factory, Hosur collected cash and other relief materials and drove down to Chennai with their family to distribute the materials.
 7. All the Creche Teachers and Helpers were given relief materials and a small amount as a token of assistance for reconstructing their houses.
- A Medical Camp was organized on 26th January 2016 at the office premises for all the women and children. Suggestions were given as to how they could protect themselves from communicable diseases.
 - As a Special Programme CHILDLINE Chennai organized a one day Training on 31st January 2016 about managing symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder for the adolescent girls in the neighbourhood. 38 adolescent girls participated in the programme. They expressed the lingering fear about the possibility of flooding again and confessed to having anxiety and sleeplessness. The one day Training provided them the much needed opportunity to ventilate their feelings. They found the Training to be of great personal value.
 - The Children in the Home were greatly affected mentally. Many of the small children were scared. A drawing and story telling session was organized to distress them.

Efforts were undertaken by our Members in Madurai and Srivilliputhur . Ms Valli Annamalai, Hon Joint Secretary – South with the help of present and past students from American College, Madurai collected a truck load of relief materials to be distributed to the affected people in the villages of Cuddalore. Mr Suresh Taliath and Mr Prakash from Srivilliputhur collected huge amount of materials from students and donors and drove with our students and staff of Community College for distribution among the affected Villages. This special effort was completely facilitated by our President Mrs Andal Damodaran.

DONATION IN CASH

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| ❖ Ms.Nithya Sivakumar | ❖ Dr.C.P.Karpagam |
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