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 and 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

Home Management Committee
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Information, Documentation and Research Centre, Chennai :
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: Thiru. B. Baskaran, MA BEd

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Hon. Secretary, Project : Tmt. Valli Annamalai
Hon. Joint Secretary : Tmt.Uma Veerappan
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: Dr. B. Venkatesan, MBBS
: Thiru Kannabitam

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Hon. Treasurer : Tmt. R. Banumathi

Kanniyaumari District
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Hon. Joint Secretary : Thiru. S. Saravanan

Thanjavur District
Hon Secretary : Thiru R. Raghuraman

FCRA - The Council is registered with the Home Department, Government of India for receiving contributions from abroad.

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 OFFICE BEARERS OF THE COUNCIL

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Tmt. Seetha Muthaiyah
Vice President

Tmt. Chandra Devi Thaniachalam
Vice President

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Hon. General Secretary

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Hon. Treasurer

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Hon. Joint Secretary

Tmt. Valli Annamalai
Hon. Joint Secretary (South)
Message from Secretary

Dear Members and Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report for the 63rd year of the Council in its service to children in Tamil Nadu.

The year 2016-17 was a challenging year for the Council

The Vardha Cyclone caused havoc to our buildings everywhere in Shenoy Nagar and in the Creches. It emerged as a necessity to repair and rebuild the structures in order to ensure safety of our children.

We are nearing completion in two major Projects. The Chennai Sponsorship and Mother and Child Welfare Project, Usilampatti supported by CIAI are in the final stages of withdrawal. In Usilampatti efforts have been taken to strategise a different action plan and the newly evolved Project is calling for more concerted action.

The Krishnagiri Project supported by We World, an INGO based in Italy is also in the final stage. Their support will be withdrawn in May 2018.

There have been delays and non-sanctioning of grants for other Projects too. The financial management has been a tough challenge for the Council.

However, the Council has faced these challenges positively with equanimity.

Efforts are underway to identify new Partners. We are also exploring the possibilities of working with Corporates under CSR.

The problem of child marriage is assuming importance in our work. In Cuddalore alone, during 2016-17, we have managed to stop 54 child marriages. We need to create greater awareness among the public about the lurking dangers to the health of young girls who are forced into marriage.

This year, the Council has taken definitive steps towards protecting children from child sexual abuse. Five Cases have been filed by us in Chennai alone. More work in terms of building the capacities of our Team and working with other stakeholders needs to be taken. Creation of awareness about Child sexual abuse among children, parents and teachers is another area to concentrate our efforts.

The overall data regarding Tamil Nadu is causing concern to all of us.

The practice of female foeticide, in some of the newly identified Districts like Cuddalore, Ariyalur needs further probing. 23.8% of the children (under 5 years) of Tamil Nadu are underweight and 50.7% children 6 months to 59 months are reported to be anaemic.(NFHS-4). In the education front the low performance of children as evidenced in the results of the public examination is a clarion call to address the school system in Tamil Nadu.

The rising crime and drug abuse among young adolescents is another challenging reality.

The Council will accelerate in efforts in creating a protective environment for children through its various Partners and field representatives. More evidence based short research studies are to be undertaken to identify the real magnitude of the problem and the efficacy of efforts taken so far. Educaion and strengthening of families will be the two major directions that the Council will adopt in the coming years to protect children. 20th November 2017 marks 25 years since the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of Children. The Indian Government made an extra-ordinary committment to all children in India when they signed the UN Convention on the Rights to Children in the year 1992. But we know that many of the commitments are yet to be realised . Its time to remind ourselves about our promise to our children and rededicate ourselves with vigour and sincerity.

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,
Hon Gen Secretary.
We have touched the lives of thousands of children and families through our various Projects
WE PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF OUR WORK in 2016-2017

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NEW INITIATIVES OF THE COUNCIL

During the year the Council launched many new Initiatives.

1. 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 Supreme Court of India through their order dated 7th February 2013 directed the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India to do a Nation wide mapping of all Residential Care Institutions offering residential care for children in need of care and protection. The entire excercise was given to CHILDLINE India Foundation by Government of India.

The CHILDLINE India Foundation launched the study through their CHILDLINE Partners and other recognised Academic Bodies. In Tamil Nadu, the Council was invited to partner with CHILDLINE India Foundation to undertake the study.

The Council conducted the survey in 12 Districts of Tamil Nadu and in two Districts in the Union Territory of Pondicherry. The teams were accompanied by a Representative of the Government while visiting the Child Care Institution. The data was collected from 509 Homes from the 12 Districts of Tamil Nadu and 89 homes from the 2 Districts of Pondicherry.

The final documentation consisting of all the forms collected and the computerised data sheets have been submitted to CHILDLINE India Foundation, New Delhi.

The study provides a valuable database regarding children in need of care and protection and the condition of Child Care Institutions across the country.

The study once completed and published will become an important milestone for the future.

2. Exposure Visit for JJB Members from Kerala

ICCWTN facilitated an exposure visit for the Members of JJB from Kerala. 20 Members from JJB Kerala visited Chennai and stayed from Sunday 24th to Tuesday 26th April 2016.

A detailed Programme was charted for them consisting of Lectures and Field visits to get an idea of the working of the JJ Systems in TN, and a small write up about the visits was also given to the Team.

The Primary Objective of this Exposure visit was to enlarge the vision of Juvenile Justice Members through visiting and Learning the Juvenile Justice Systems in TN.
3. **Regional Consultation on Alternate Forms of Child Care**

Regional Consultation on Alternate Forms of Child Care were organised to promote an awareness about alternate forms of child care among the Child Protection Officers and NGOs.

The Overall Objective was “To educate and create awareness about alternative forms of child care as mentioned in the JJ Act 2015.” The Specific Objectives were

1. To expose the effectiveness of Sponsorship, Foster care and Adoption through experiential presentation by Experts
2. To look at the modalities for introducing the alternate forms of child care and systems requirement for them
3. To provide an opportunity for those who have benefitted out of these forms of child care services through sharing and case studies

Given below are the details of the Regional Consultation.

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The participants for the Consultation included the District Child Protection Officer from the concerned District, Social Workers in charge of non institutional services, Probation Officers, one Member from Child Welfare Committee and one Member from Juvenile Justice Board from each District and NGOs.

There was good media coverage for the three Regional Consultations.

4. **BUILDING BRIDGES OF COMMUNICATION**

It was decided to create a communication link between the Council and Members & donors of the Council. With this in view it was decided to launch an e-Newsletter. The e-Newsletter reflects the unique programmes that were carried out during that month and focused on those who supported the initiative. The Newsletter was intended to be a monthly Newsletter. However we have been successful in bringing out only 10 Newsletter during this year.

5. **WE DID IT**

The Council faced the fury of the Vardha cyclone and took it as an opportunity to improve the infrastructural facility of the central office and that of the Creche centres. All the Creche buildings have been renovated. The ground and the premises of the building at Shenoy Nagar have been raised and facilities improved.

Our sincere thanks to all the donors and the untiring efforts of our staff for lending their support in improving the physical facility. Our Special thanks to Shreyas, The Hindu Group or supporting the renovation activities.
6. ICCW-UNNATHI Skill Training Centre:

This Centre situated in Chennai was started in collaboration with UNNATHI - An NGO based in Bangalore. This centre is part of a CSR project from Eicher group of companies. The selected candidates will be given Training for 50 days in spoken English, Computer and Communication. They will be placed with appropriate jobs in corporate sector. The centre is recognized under NISD (National Institute of Skill Development) Government of India. We look forward to reach out to the marginalized young adolescents in Chennai.

7. Dhaan Utsav Celebrations-Joy of Giving

This year the ICCW-TN joined as a partner in CIOSA network and participated in the Dhaan Utsav celebration from 2nd to 8th October 2017. The theme for this year was to sensitise the vehicle owners who visit the petrol outlets. The one week long celebration was possible due to the cooperation of Indian Oil Corporation. We posted our social workers and all staffs in 2 petrol outlets near our office from morning till night. There was initial resistance from the staff but were enthused by the spirit and response of the public and actively involved themselves in distributing the special book mark made for the event. Sharing with the people the work we are doing, we raised Rs.38,391/-. More than the amount, the Council cherished the opportunity of meeting so many members of the public who were interested in promoting the welfare of children.

8. Toy Chest - Smile on the faces of a child is worth a million

This Project is to reach out to children affected by cancer in the Cancer ward in Children’s Hospital, Egmore. This is the idea of Mr Sujith Janardanan, an Engineer by profession from US, who wanted to bring smiles on faces of these children. The Council readily agreed to partner to realise his dream for a happy childhood. A play corner will be set up in the ward and every child passing out of this Ward will receive a toy. The first consignment of toys were distributed to the children on 7th February 2017. We thank the Dean of the Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children and Doctors of the Ward.

9. WE ARE A LEARNING ORGANISATION

Nuturing the staff and developing their capacity is an important responsibility for the Management. It is necessary to keep them well motivated and sharpen their skills every now and then. Four programmes were organized for the Staff during this year

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All the programmes were very well received. The staff are now regularly preparing and submitting a monthly report that allows them to reflect and plan their work.
THEY MAKE US PROUD

Bama:

Way back in the year 1985 when ICCW was running a Rehabilitation Centre for children affected by polio, stayed a small child named Bama. She was severely challenged as she was paralysed from hip below. She underwent 3 major corrective surgeries and was fitted with bi-lateral calipers in our Centre. She can walk even now only with the support of calipers and crutches. She completed her primary schooling in the special school run by ICCW and later in a regular School. She was supported financially to pursue her high school education too.

Now Bama is an independent women and is living with her brother, however she conducts tuition classes in the evening from her home and is able to earn an income to support herself.

She contacted us after a gap of nearly 20 years. She traced us back and the reunion was emotionally charged. Happy indeed to note the relationship has been built between hearts.

Vijayakumar and Rajesh

Successful entrepreneurs as carpenter doing extremely well now, the two brothers Vijayakumar and Rajesh were admitted by their widowed mother into our ChildrenHome at Shenoy Nagar, twenty five years ago. They completed their schooling and attended a Course in carpentry. We are proud indeed to report that both the brothers are successful entrepreneurs as skilled carpenters. Both have their independent individual company and have made a life for themselves.

Monika

Monika is now in the United States of America married recently to an Engineer. Years back during 1998 her family was in a crisis as her father suddenly lost his job and faced lot of hardships. Through someone the family was referred for sponsorship support. Monika was supported by ICCW-TN for her education. She was selected by HCL in the campus recruitment after she completed her graduation.

She is still in contact with us and shares her important life events with us. More importantly, she is now sponsoring the education of 3 children and encourages her friends to support needy children.

Ramakrishna

Ramakrishna is a hearing impaired child who joined our Children’s Home in 2004. He did his schooling upto his tenth standard in Mary Clubwala Jadav School for Hearing Impaired in Anna Nagar. In his tenth Board exams this year he bagged the first prize among challenged children in Chennai District. He is now continuing his education in St Louis Institute for the Deaf and Blind, Adyar.
RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL CRÈCHE SCHEME

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT : 1954
CHILDREN REACHED IN 2016-2017 : 1300
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 called Creche, focusing on the needs of pre-school children of working and ailing mothers. The Council, then, 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 Crèches has gradually declined, restricting the number of Crèches 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.

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

However, 2016-2017 has been a year of strife and uncertainty. Grants were not released by Government of India. A team consisting of Central and State Government visited the Council and inspected the Creches during the month of June. Their inspection report was positive about the State Council’s implementation. However, due to other extraneous reasons, grants were not released. The programme suffered as all the implementing District Councils struggled to raise the needed resources to run the programme.

At last, the Central Government has decided to release the grant through State Governments. We are now looking forward to the release of funds from Government of Tamil Nadu.

Important Developments:
- One Day Orientation about the Revised Guidelines of Creche Programme was organized for those who are running the Creches in Tamil Nadu on 28.04.2016.
- Five Days Training Programme was organized for Creche Teachers from 9th to 13th May 2016 at ICCW-TN, Chennai. 22 Teachers participated in this Training Programme.
- Renovation work was undertaken in five crèche centres at Semmancheri and also at K.C. Nagar, Kovur, Velacheri and Shembagh Nagar.
- One common shop has been arranged for procurement of provision items as per the new guideline for all centres.
- All the staff members have been provided Bank accounts and salaries are credited to their respective accounts.

Early detection can happen in the Creche Centre.....
A child aged 3 years studying in the Day Care Centre at Shenoy Nagar was detected for Hernia during a medical checkup conducted in the Centre. The child’s testicle was swollen and the child had difficulty in passing urine. The Parent was advised surgery. The difficult surgery was conducted at Hospital for CChildren, Egmore. After surgery, the child became normal and is able to pass urine normally and free of pain.
MIDDLE LEVEL TRAINING CENTRE

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT : 985
NUMBER OF TRAINEES DURING 2016-2017 : -
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.

CHALLENGES
During the year under reporting no trainings were sanctioned by the State Government as their training calendar was not approved by Government of India.
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.

Path travelled

Through this Project, ICCW-TN gained an enormous learning, particularly about initiating social change through community participation.

Their evaluation of the Project both by internal and external experts during this year, was appreciative of our efforts. However, they also highlighted the gaps and to the second generation of problems relating to children. Taking the recommendation into consideration, the next phase of the Project focuses on improving the quality of education and child protection for all children in 5 selected Panchayats.

A detailed child safety audit is being planned as a first step to assess the protective environment available for children in these villages.

It is a huge challenge for us to usher in the changes in the grass root level structures.
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 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.

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<td>Disadvantaged Children in our Home in Thanjavur</td>
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IMPORTANT EVENTS:
❖ The Annual Review Meeting with the children and parents was held on 29th April 2017.
❖ On 22nd January the children took part in the ‘Nakshatra’ sports meet organized by Bhumi Organisation and has won many prizes.
❖ A group of boys participated and gave a variety entertainment in food festival organized by ICDS on 8th November 2017.
❖ On 13th August the children of both homes at Shenoy Nagar and Kilambakkam participated in the competition held at Music Academy organized by Sakthi Foundation.

Four children appeared for X Std Public Examination and all have passed

Anbarasu

Maniikandan

428/500

403/500

Congrats to our toppers
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 various activities of the Children’s Home run by the District Council of Thanjavur.

Total strength of the Destitute Boys Home - Thanjavur 68 children.

Important Events of the Year: The boys of the Thanjavur Home participated in the 69th Independence Day cultural programme organized by Police Department. The boys won the rolling shield. Children participated in all the variety entertainment organized during the celebration of Deepavali, Christmas and Pongal festivals in the home.

All the 68 children were taken for an educational tour to Chennai and Pondicherry from 31.03.2017 to 03.04.2017. The children of the home were provided with an opportunity to learn Computer, Yoga, Karate and Silambam on a daily basis.

Performance of Excellence

Two of our students S.Hariharan and S.Sivaguru from Government Higher Secondary School., Memballam, Thanjavur District ranked school first and second in class 10th securing 449 and 443 respectively. Hats off to their hard work.

NATIONAL PAINTING COMPETITION - 2016

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. 175 Paintings were received by the Council from 10 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.

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SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME AT CHENNAI

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 1976
NUMBER OF CHILDREN REACHED IN 2016-2017: 292

FUNDING PARTNERS: CIAI – Italy,
Tamil Sangam of Centre Indiana
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 institutionalising 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.

### Details of Sponsors

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### Methodology and Monitoring

We maintain a close contact with the sponsors and the children are encouraged to correspond with their sponsor parents through the Council. Periodic reports about the child are sent to the sponsors.

- We act as a liaison between the sponsor and the child.
- The Social Worker visits the child twice a year to ensure that the money is judiciously spent.
- One case file is maintained for every sponsored child.
- She works with the whole family and monitors the child’s progress.
- Vocational guidance is offered to the children who are passing out of school.
- The money received is deposited in a separate bank account with the parent as the guardian and encouraged to draw money by cheque.

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE OF SPONSORED CHILDREN:

Out of the 4 children who appeared for the XII standard examination, all of them came out successfully. The highest score taken was 1102/1200.

Out of the 9 children who appeared for the X standard exam, all of them passed and the high score was 475/500.

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Follow up ECRFC Project in Cuddalore and Kanyakumari:

Totally 9 children attended X Board Exam in Kanyakumari. All of them have passed successfully. The highest score was 440/500

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<td>J.Jani</td>
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<td>Sahaja Thasmine Karishma</td>
<td>429/500</td>
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US Tamil Sangam Of Central Indiana:

This is an Association of Indians, more particularly Tamilians who are living in Central Indiana. Our proposal to start School based Sponsorship Programme was approved and we entered into a Partnership with them for 3 years for sponsoring 119 children from the Corporation Schools at Sharma Nagar and Ganeshpuram in Vysarpadi.

The children have been identified by the Head Mistress of the respective schools.

A drawing Competition was conducted for all children in both the school giving them an opportunity to test the talents. As part of the project all the school children from Sharma Nagar School were taken for an Excursion. These events along with the sports meet organized have created a visible impact on the children of these schools. Their attendance has improved considerably.

Further, they supported the Krishnagiri Project too. In the month of February and March. They raised nearly Rs. 294811/- for cooking and distributing to 869 exam going children of 6 High and Higher secondary schools as an evening snack.

**NEED BASED ASSESSMENT SURVEY**

As the present Project with CIAI is nearing completion, we are in the process of submitting a new proposal to CIAI. A need based assessment survey was carried out in one of the most vulnerable area of Chennai at Otteri and a concept note has been forwarded to CIAI office.

**Case History**

Young Aravindhan has completed B.E. Mechanical Engineering from Ramanujar Engineering College in Chennai. He is facing a bright future and has been selected in the campus interview and looking forward to join his first job.

But life was not that easy for him. His father was mentally ill and the mother died when he was very young. He has been looked after by his grandmother from a very young age. She works as a domestic help to earn a living.

His relationship with ICCW started when he was in school in the year 2011. The continuous relationship and encouragement he received from ICCW has motivated him to become an Engineer.
PROJECT SANKALP – Education for Girl Child

In 2016-2017 the Council agreed to the merger of another NGO called SANKALP. SANKALP was started in the year 1991 by a group of dedicated Professional Social Workers. However after the demise of the Management Trustee the organisation faced lot of problems as the other trustees were involved in other work and could not find the time to promote SANKALP. Their request for transfer of all their funds and properties to ICCW was raised in the month of November 2016. Their request was approved by the Executive Committee and transfer was completed by December 2016.

The Council retained the title as “Project SANKALP - Education for Girl Children”. The main objective of Project SANKALP is to promote the Education and Empowerment of girl children.

Under this project during the current year two major activities have been completed...

1. Project SANKALP supports Government Girl’s Home, Kellys run by the Department of Social Defence.
   The Children to this Home are admitted by the Child Welfare Committee, Chennai under the Juvenile Justice Act. There are more than 300 girls in this Home and all of them come from the most marginalised sections of society and are children in need of care and protection. As part of our project, we distributed Sanitary napkins for all the adolescent girls in this Home for the entire year. We acknowledge the kind support by Interface, Chennai.

   ◆ A special Programme was celebrated at the Government Girl’s Home, Kellys to mark the National Girl Child Day on 27.01.2017. This Programme was attended by 251 Girls. Games were conducted and gifts and snacks were given to the children.

2. Kanan Verma Scholarship:

This Scholarship was instituted in the year 2008-2009 and was named after the Founder Trustee Mrs. Kanan Verma. Every year one or more students of Social Work from city colleges are awarded Rs.10,000/- Applications are invited from the Colleges of Social Work from eligible students presently undergoing training with them. This year, four students were awarded the scholarship.

Ø Ms. Angelin Rita from Stella Maris College
Ø Ms. J. Anandhi from Stella Maris College
Ø Ms. D. Hemalatha from Madras School of Social Work
Ø Ms. V. Sangeetha Devi from Mar Gregorious College.
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

Specific objective of the project
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 - 7 villages, Shoolagiri - 7 villages & Vepanappally - 10 villages) and increase the community’s resilience in fighting for their children’s rights.

The Education and Child Rights Programme is a timely intervention in the border district of Krishnadgiri in Tamil Nadu for identifying the existing gaps in the implementation of RTE Act and addressing the same through a process of developmental initiatives from year 2011 onwards. After working on a broad platform, the project presently has moved on to a more challenging task of empowering communities and building a space for child participation.

The main objective for the year 2016-2018
1. Identify and nurture mechanism in the community to act as custodian of Child Rights.
2. To organise 15 children sangams in order to provide space for participation of children.
3. Reading Skill Enhancement in 24 target schools to improve learning potential through regular focussed exercise

The project continues to work in 3 blocks namely Soolagiri, Vepanapally and Thally. The Council has a working relationship with Department of Education, Government of Tamil Nadu as per the MOU with Government.
However, the efforts have but touched the periphery of the problems only. It needs a more structured and focused intervention to bring about future changes.

**Challenges**

- Due to failure in monsoon, large scale migration is taking place.
- Children are forced to leave their school and accompany their parents or work in the fields.
- Teachers vacancies continue, particularly in Telugu medium schools.
- Withdrawal of funding support from WeWorld by next year has forced us to redefine our work and explore alternate avenues of funding.
VELLORE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

Introduction
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 a contribution from State Council 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 and the Total Cost of the Project was 24 lakhs.

The construction of the first floor at the cost of Rs 2100000/- was completed with liberal support of the District Council and others from the District. Dr. R. Nanadagopal IAS, District Collector was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the building. Mrs Andal Damodaran, President and Mrs Chandradevi Thanikachalam, Vice President were the eminent guest who graced the occasion.

No of Creches - 15
No of Children - 360

Vocational Training
Computer
Boys: 02
Girls: 18
Total: 20

Tailoring
6 months course: 03 girls
3 Months course: 18 girls

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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. 1,24,20,000/-

Total Amount of Loan Avail from ICICI Bank
Rs. 1,88,26,200/-

National Level Painting Competition
No of Students participated - 756
No. of Schools - 400

State Level Winners

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COMMUNITY COLLEGES
A movement to enable adolescent youth to becoming employable 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, Srivilliputur.

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

During this academic year 64 students studied in the college.

Awards:

- All “Diploma in First aid and Patient care” students successfully completed the course. Out of 21 students 11 girls got distinction and 10 girls got first class.
- Three students got First rank with Gold medal in Tamilnadu Open University for the year 2014-15. (Each from Computer Hard Ware, Home Appliances and Fashion Designing).
- Two students got Second rank in TNOU. (One each from Hardware and Home appliances).
- Two students got Third rank in TNOU. (One each from Hardware and Home appliances).

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 students were admitted this year as there was no financial support for the College in 2016-17.
CHILDLINE -1098

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT:  
Chennai– 1999, Cuddalore – 2005

NO. OF CHILDREN REACHED:  
Chennai- 359, Cuddalore - 494

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 five 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.

No. of Beneficiaries:
Chennai – 359 Children
Cuddalore – 494 Children

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Publicity and Awareness Programme:
Innovative and intensive awareness campaigns were carried out during the year by the Council, to increase the awareness on CHILD LINE services.

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Child Bharathi was 15 year old. She was the resident of Annai Sathya Girls Home. She has no parents and her paternal grand parents have been taking care of her. She was studying in a school at Cuddalore. She went to her house citing medical reasons when her grandparents arranged for her marriage. The child informed the Superintendent of Home about her marriage and inturn Childline was informed. After making initial enquiry the Childline with the support of the DSWO rescued the child with the help of Police and Revenue Department. On enquiry, the child informed that due to poverty her grandparent had arranged for her marriage. After producing the child before the CWC, the child was sent to the same Home and is now continuing her education.
PREVENTION OF CHILD BEGGARY

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT : 1994

NUMBER OF CHILDREN RESCUED IN 2016-17 : 23

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 : 78
2. Begging Women/Men with Children Identified : 15
3. Begging (Counseled) : 23
4. Total No. of Children rescued : 23

Education is the only way to prevent child begging
CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTRE FOR PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 1994
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN RESCUED: 02
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, 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, 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.

**Rescued from the Abusive situation**

A child studying in 10th Std in a Private School reported that she was sexually abused by an adult. It came to light that the mother was sending the child to her male friend several times. The mother threatened the child not to reveal this to her father. The frightened child at last confided to the teacher. The teacher along with the School HM called Childline. The child was rescued with the help of Police. The child was produced before CWC and was placed in temporary custody in an NGO. After medical examination and enquiry the child was restored back to her father and paternal grandparents. She has joined another school and continuing her education.

The abuser and the mother were arrested and are facing trial.

**Child J aged 14 years**

Child J aged 14 years was studying in a Government School in Cuddalore. She hails from a village and both her parents are farmers. During an outreach programmes conducted by Childline in a Government School, She complained about her father sexually abusing her. She informed that she told her mother she did not believe her. She had informed her maternal uncle and he had warned her father but it was not effective. After the initial enquiry, the child was rescued from school with the help of the school Authorities and produced before the CWC. The abuser was booked under the POSCO Act. The team members accompanied her during her medical investigation and the child was given counselling. She was restored back to her maternal uncle and continues her education in a different school 30kms away.
ADOPTION SCRUTINY

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT : 1985

SCRUTINY REPORTS GIVEN in 2016-17 : 90

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.

No. of Scrutiny Reports Submitted from April 2016 to March 2017

In-Country – 90

Inter-Country – Nil

Details of Scrutiny from April 2016 to March 2017

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In-Country and Inter-Country Adoption Placement Agency wise Statistics

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INFORMATION, DOCUMENTATION & RESEARCH CENTRE

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 1993

FUNDING: Multi sources depending upon the tasks undertaken

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 and protection.
· Initiate and sustain advocacy programme for promoting Child Rights Awareness

During the year 2016-17 - Major programmes were undertaken by the Council with Support from UNICEF


A one day Consultation on Understanding the Spirit of Juvenile Justice Act 2015 was organised on Saturday 16th April 2016.

The Consultation was inaugurated by Hon’ble Justice Thiru S. Manikumar, Hon’ble Judge, High Court and Chairperson JJ Committee. Mr Job Zachariah, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF, Tamil Nadu and Kerala delivered the Special Address.

Thiru G.M. Akbar Ali, Retired Judge and Member JJ Committee, High Court of Madras chaired the Panel Discussion on the recent changes and issues concerning children in the JJ Act 2015. Presentations on the two arms of the JJ Systems were presented on a Government and NGO perspective.

The Consultation included the participation of the Legal fraternity including Judges, Lawyers and Members of well known NGOs and Child Right Activists. The Amended Juvenile Justice Act 2015 has introduced many new clauses which needs deeper reflection. This Consultation created an opportunity for a better understanding of the provisions of the Act.

The Consultation was attended by 35 Members consisting of NGOs and Practitioners.

The recommendations was presented to the State Government and the Juvenile Justice Committee of the High Court of Madras.

SENSITISATION ON RECENT ISSUES CONCERNING CHILD PROTECTION

The Consultation was conducted on 8th and 9th October 2016 with support from UNICEF. The participants for the programme were UNICEF consultants working in different department for child protection, Project Coordinators from National Child Labour Project and South India Aids Action Project and Social Workers from Indian Council for Child Welfare.
**Draft Model Rules on the latest JJ Act 2015**

The Council sent its recommendations and suggestions for forming the model rules for the JJ Act 2015.

**DRAFT REGULATIONS GOVERNING ADOPTION OF INDIAN CHILDREN, 2016**

The Council sent its recommendations and Suggestions to the Ministry.

**Core Group Discussion for Psychiatrists and Psychologists on JJ Act 2015**

A small core group discussion was held on Friday 29th April 2016 at JJB, Department of Social Defence, Kellys, Chennai to understand the provisions relating to the treatment of Juveniles in conflict with law in the age group of 16-18 years and the need for psychological Assessment Report as included in the Amended JJ Act of 2015. Dr Lakshmi Ramesh, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate and Chairperson JJB chaired the discussion. The Deputy Director of Institute of Mental Health with few Psychiatrists, two practising Psychologists, Research Scholars from University of Madras, representative of Department of Criminology and NGO Representatives attended the meeting.

The Council looks forward to the evolution of a Standard Procedure dealing with juveniles which can be incorporated in the Rules for the JJ Act 2015 to be framed by Government of Tamil Nadu, as a result of these type of Consultations.

**Meeting Attended**

1. Draft JJ Rules Meeting - The Vice President Mrs Chandra Devi Thanikachalam, attended the Meeting to Draft the Tamil Nadu JJ Rules on 27th September 2016 at the Department of Social Defence, Government of Tamil Nadu

2. The Vice President, Hon Gen Secretary and the Information Officer attended the Programme - Release of ASER Report 2016 on 4th February 2017.

3. The Director of IDRC and the Information Officer attended the Conclave on Social Innovation at World Vision on 8th February 2017

**Student Placement**

- Students from 5 city Colleges were oriented on the activities of the Council.
- 34 Students were placed in the Council for their concurrent field work.
- Awareness to the NSS Students of WCC College on 11th Jan 2017
- 5 Students completed their Block Placements in our District Projects at Cuddalore an Krishnagiri.
PUBLICATIONS OF THE COUNCIL:

- Handbook on Child Adoption in India (1996)
- 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)
- My Rights : Tamil (2001)
- Unkathai (My Story) (2001)
- My Protection Rights (2005)
- We and our Children in Tamil (2006)
- Booklet on Village Level Watch Dog Committee (2007)
- Positive Discipline (2012)

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
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.

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.

**Website development activities were as follows.**

This is an Online Resource Centre on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. During the period the following work was undertaken.

**Conducted research on resource materials for child abuse and neglect** - Internet research was conducted in order to search resource materials country wise on child abuse and neglect and response for professionals. Materials were searched based on range of issues or themes for each country

**Website Construction.**

- “JOIN US” Membership Button created
- ISPCAN banners have been made visible in our ARC Website home page
- Search Engine Optimization (Keywords)
- Flash Cards has been created for India.
- The Web Site has been made Mobile responsive
- A separate Facebook and Twitter page has been created

**Promotion of ISPCAN - Asian Online Resource Centre.**

Questionnaire was sent to 1,012 NGO’s and Social work Professionals in 6 countries.

**Web Link Directory**

Web links of Government Departments has been successfully searched and uploaded in an appropriate format as a “Web Link Directory” for each country. The Web Directory gives the details of web links about Government Department in South Asia & East Asia.

Visit the site [http://www.icwtnispcanarc.org](http://www.icwtnispcanarc.org) to learn more about Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect.
Dear Friends,

Communication is the essence of relationship, more so, if it is between a Donor and the Organisation receiving their support.

The Programme in Krishnagiri is funded by an Italian Organisation, We World. It is nearly 1000 individual sponsors in Italy who are contributing to this Project. Every year we organise the children in the 24 Government Schools, where we are working in Krishnagiri to draw and send a greeting card to all the sponsors.

This exercise generates lot of enthusiasm among the children and the teachers. One day all the children can draw, paint and give expression to their creative talents. This year, this was organised from 15th to 20th February, 2017 and 2450 children participated.

The smiling faces of children and the concentration that is mirrored in the faces of the children as they are drawing their card is a pleasure to watch. The goodwill and the aura of friendship envelops the staff and children alike.

Let us be united for the cause of Children.

Regards

[Signature]

[Name]

[Position]

[Date]
Children in our Creche

Tree planting at Shenoy Nagar

Children with Happy Faces

Vardha and after

Inauguration of Malarvanam Creche

Greeting Cards to sponsors on Display
YOU CAN HELP US

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