



**INDIAN COUNCIL FOR CHILD WELFARE,  
TAMIL NADU**

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***We dedicate this year's Annual Report to review and reflect, since its formation in 1953 in Tamil Nadu on the travel of the 60 years of journey that the Council has under taken and to redefine our course of action to the face the challenges of the ever changing future. We take this opportunity to record our sincere thanks to all our members, donors, staff members and well wishers.***



## **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 AS STATED IN THE REVISED CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL ARE AS FOLLOWS**

- 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 the welfare and to work towards the implementation of the provisions

## Office Bearers

President	:	Tmt. Andal Damodaran
Vice President	:	Tmt. Seetha Muthaiah
Hon. General Secretary	:	Tmt.Chandradevi Thanikachalam
Hon. Secretary Projects	:	Tmt. Pramila Ganapati
Hon. Joint Secretary	:	Tmt. Girija Kumarbabu
Hon. Asst. Secretary	:	Thiru. A. Anbarasu
Hon. Treasurer	:	Tmt. B.Vaijyanthi

### **Information, Documentation and Research Centre :**

Hon. Director	:	Dr. K. Shanthy
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### **Project for Prevention of Female Infanticide, Usilampatti, Madurai Dt.**

Hon. Joint Secretary	:	Tmt. Valli Annamalai
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### **Child Labour Relief Project at Vellore District :**

Hon. Secretary	:	Tmt. Thilagavathy Ramaiah
Hon. Treasurer	:	Tmt. Sangameswari Pattabiraman

### **Action Programme on Child Labour, Srivilliputtur, Virudhunagar Dt. :**

President	:	Dr. Suresh Dhaliath
Hon Secretary	:	Thiru. V. Prakash
Hon. Treasurer	:	Tmt. T. Renugadevi

### **Every Child's Rights to Family Care : Cuddalore District**

Hon. Secretary	:	Thiru. P. Arulappan
Hon. Treasurer	:	Tmt. Banumathi

### **Kanniyaumari District**

Hon. Secretary	:	Thiru. Sophilal Harris
Hon. Joint Secretary	:	Thiru. Saravanan

### **Children's Resource Centre at Nagapattinam District**

Committee Members	:	Thiru. K.S. Kumaravelu,
	:	Dr.A.Soundrarajan,

### **Education & Child Right's Promotion in Krishnagiri District**

Committee Members	:	Thiru. P. Sanmugam
	:	Thiru. B. Baskaran

**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.

## Message from Secretary

Dear Members and Friends,

I take pleasure in presenting the 61<sup>st</sup> annual report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. As an extension of the previous year's events with reference to the Council's memorable travel of sixty years in its service to children, this year too was marked with special occasions.

A grand celebration was held during Christmas and New Year when long time Members and persons who had substantially contributed over the years in support of the Council's activities were honored with mementoes. Portrait of our Founder Secretary Smt. Manjubahsni was unveiled on that occasion by Honblé Justice Prabha Sridevan,. It was also marked as a happy get-together of the ICCWTN family. Sizable number of our former Staff Members and the alumnae of our Children's Home had gathered on that day. It was heartening to meet many of them after a long gap. More so, to meet with several of our former children who are now as an adult doing very well with their lives and career.

Another important event of this year was the starting of ISPCAN **Asian Online Resource Centre (ARC)**. This was created to promote protection rights of children with a focus on preventing child abuse and providing with information and resource materials for those professionals and stake holders who are called upon to deal with cases of Child Abuse. This was, indeed, a privilege bestowed on the **Council by the International Society for The Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN)** – an International organization who had given this mandate with funding support to start this online resource centre, which has relevance to the entire Asian region.

In this connection, I and Girija Kumarababu were invited for a meeting at Nagoya – Japan by ISPCAN and followed by it, we also had the privilege of attending the **XXth ISPCAN International Congress at Nagoya Japan from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of September, 2014.**

As for our Projects – since several of them had been reaching their concluding phase with reference to funding support - a lot of planning and reorganisation were in order.

The Projects at Usilampatti & Srivilliputhur had come a long way from being units which were called upon to keep eternal vigil against occurrences of female infanticide or child employment as the case may be. Over the years, both these Projects had seen tremendous success in eradicating those social issues that were adversely affecting the basic human rights of children in those regions. Education and empowerment have become the subsequent focus of these Projects. The two Community Colleges at Usilampatti and Srivilliputhur had been highly successful in turning rural adolescents into employable adults. Unfortunately, both Community Colleges are now in a distress situation due to want of funding support. We are grateful to all our Funding Partners who had supported these two very socially relevant Projects over the years. Our special thanks go to CIAI who had been supporting us in the recent years. ICCW-TN is doing its best to sustain these programs by exploring all available opportunities

Most assured preventive measures against several challenges such as child labour, child trafficking, child marriage and etc. is to support an underprivileged child to continue his or her education without interruption. ICCWTN believes in the age old direct service of providing Educational Sponsorship.

More than **1767** children doing their school education, vocational training, and higher education were provided with educational sponsorship this year. The support ranged from Rs. 3000 – Rs.10,000 / year or in kind by way of educational aids.

Besides this, our commitment to a child's right to education was extended to other critical areas too. Since a large percentage of rural children are attending Government Schools, our focus continued to be on such schools so that larger number of under privileged children could be reached out by the Council.

24 Government Schools in three Blocks at Krishnagiri District and six Government Schools at Kadambatur Block, Tiruvallore District were covered by the Council this year. Employment of additional teachers , special teachers, development of school infrastructure facilities and such other were undertaken. We are grateful to our funding partners, We World, who had stepped in to support us directly. We also wish to record our thanks to CIAI who were with us at the initial phase of this very worthwhile Project at Krishnagiri District. Our thanks are due to United Way for their support to Kadambatur Project as their CSR initiative.

CHILD LINE as an emergency 24 hour free phone service is operational both at Chennai and Cuddalore under the ICCWTN banner and attended to more than 626 actionable calls this year, i.e almost 1.5 cases / day. These two vibrant teams had together successfully stopped more than 90 child marriages and had rescued 134 children from violence and abuse through their direct intervention this year, besides filing cases against perpetrators of such crimes.

While Tamil Nadu is making strides in ICDS Coverage, ICCWTN is happy to be playing a part in it by providing job training and in-service training to Government appointed ICDS Supervisors. 200 trainees in eight batches from 23 districts have received training this year from our Middle Level Training Centre..

Malnutrition or under-nutrition in children results in short and long term irreversible negative health impacts affecting physical as well as mental development. Project AAHARAM continued its second year with its mission to detect malnutrition among under five children and address this issue at the earliest. They worked in non-notified urban slum in Chennai and among rural community in Thiruvallur District covering a population of 40,000.

As per our data more children are found to be severely malnourished in an urban slum than in a rural setup, and girls were found to be undernourished more in number than boys, (both in urban and rural setups.) Providing nutritional supplementations to undernourished children had beneficial effect on 35 children who turned from SAM to MAM.

66 Crèches have been functioning this year under Government of India's Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme providing pre-school education and free mid-day meals. These crèches are spread in eight districts of Tamil Nadu

Children under our Residential Care program are doing well in their respective classes. Since all Institutions providing residential care are brought under the purview of the JJ. Act, the Homes were being visited by J.J.Act functionaries frequently this year. This is a welcome move, since this brings in lot more transparency and a mandate to keep improving our standard of operations in maintaining the Homes

Besides attending various seminars and workshops IDRC was busy with student placements from seven City Colleges.

Our hearty congratulations go to Mrs. Ramaiah, Mrs. Sangameswari Pattbiraman and their very enthusiastic team of volunteers who had successfully built a new office building at Vellore We record our grateful thanks to the District Collector Dr. Nandagopal I.A.S., who had supported the team in this venture. The inauguration was held on 10 December, 2014 with the District Collector as chief Guest.


Now It is my pleasure and privilege to state that the President of International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) had honoured our beloved President Mrs. Andar Damodaran with an award in recognition of her "long and amazing career dedicated to children". Mrs Damodaran received this well-deserved award in -absentia. But it was indeed a proud moment for me and Girija when the citation of Mrs. Damodaran was read out at the Nagoya Congress ceremony.

Our hearty congratulations to Mrs. Valli Annamalai, the Honorary Joint Secretary of Madurai District Council who was presented with the "All Grassroots Women of the Decade Achievers Award" by Assocham Ladies League (ALL).

It is time for us to record our grateful thanks to all our donors and funding partners that includes departments of Central and State Governments, private local and international agencies and philanthropic minded individual donors.

I record my sincere thanks to all office bearers, staff, Chairperson and members of various committees, President and the members of the District Council Committees and others who had all made it possible for the Council to accomplish the tasks mentioned in this report.

Thanking you



Chandra Devi Thanikachalam  
Honorary General Secretary

**We have great pleasure in announcing and sharing the recognition received by our Members for their valuable contribution in the field of Child Welfare**

- ❖ Mrs. Andal Damodaran, President of the Council, received an award from the President of International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in recognition of her long an amazing career dedicated to children which goes as follows “The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, President, Ms. Jenny Gray recognises Mrs. Andal Damodaran, for Her career dedicated to the Field of Child Abuse and Neglect and Promotion of Child Rights” It was presented at the Congress in Nagoya, Japan and was received by Mrs. Girija Kumarbabu, Hon. Joint Secretary.



- ❖ The Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Valli Annamalai of Madurai District Council for Child Welfare was presented the “All Grassroots Women of the Decade Achievers Award by Assocham Ladies League (ALL)”. She received the award from the Hon’ble Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 at New Delhi.



## **Special Programmes to commemorate the 60 years of service in the field of Women and Children**

### **1. ASIAN ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER FOR PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

The ISPCAN Asian Online resource centre is a joined initiative of ISPCAN which stands for International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect and Indian Council for Child Welfare, Tamil Nadu (India).

The Resource Centre collects and disseminates variety of information about prevention and response to child abuse and maltreatment. It is a three year project.

The main goal or vision of the Resource Centre is to enhance or strengthen the capacities of professionals or stakeholders to better understand child abuse and neglect and to employ evidence based, scientific approaches so that child abuse and neglect can be effectively prevented and responded.

The Resource Centre will provide country wise comprehensive information on matters relating to prevention of child maltreatment with regard to three Asian regions namely South Asia, East Asia and South East Asia. Furthermore, the Resource Centre website [icwtnispcanarc.org](http://icwtnispcanarc.org) features range of online support services for disseminating information and capacity building some of it which entails webinar, live chat with experts, statistics, training materials etc.

The creation of the online Resource Centre will be a valuable archive of information to educationist researchers and professionals working in the area of prevention of child abuse and neglect.

### **2. EVIDENCE BASED IMPACT ANALYSIS An Evaluation on Sponsorship Programme at Cuddalore and Kanyakumari**

The CIAI – ICCW TN Sponsorship Programme supported hundreds of children every year and promoted their education, enhanced their skills and overall personality, supported the parents to earn additional awareness, promoted their exposure with different social institutions and took effort towards a holistic development, participation and protection of the children. Having extended the support for nearly 10 years, the sponsors are really interested to witness the changes that have resulted out of the interventions of the Sponsorship Programme as a whole.

The children who were sponsored 10 years before have become adults of today. Analyzing the pros and cons of strategies used to promote education, health, economic, social and psychological development of the children, would provide an experience of 'LOOKING BACK' to enable all the stakeholders to learn from their own experiences and enforce social transparency and accountability. The study was undertaken for the Projects Every Child's Right to Family Care at Cuddalore and Kanyakumari by CORAT, Trichy.



### 3. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW OFFICE BUILDING AT VELLORE DISTRICT

With the efforts of the Members and volunteers at, Vellore and with the support of District Council Fund, 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 10<sup>th</sup> December – 2014 Vellore District Collector Dr. R. Nandagopal I.A.S. was the Guest of Honor, State Council President Ms. Andal Damodran and the General Secretary Ms. Chandradevi Thanikachalam participated. Total Cost of the Project was Rs.24 lakhs



### 4. RELEASE OF AUDIO CD

**Kuzhanthaikalai Kondaduvom** is an audio CD with songs for children rendered by eminent singers like Thiru. Pushpavanam Kuppusamy, Tmt. Anuradha Sriram, Tmt, Malathi Lakshman, Thiru.Harihara Sudan, Thiru. Ananthu, Tmt. Yazhini and Tmt. Magizhini Manimaran. The lyrics and songs were composed by Thiru. Manimaran. This is an addition to the existing resources available for grass-root workers in the field of child welfare.

**Vendaam Kuzhanthaikal Thirumanam** – A Training Manual on Prevention of Child Marriage for Officials, Social Workers and Field Staff.



### 5. FUNDRAISER – LECTURE BY Prof .Dr. ASWATH DAMODARAN

A “Fundraiser Event” was organized on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014 which was a Lecture by the well known Prof. Aswath Damodaran, Professor of Finance at the Stern School of Business at New York University. The topic of the Lecture was “Living with Noise: Investing in the face of Uncertainty”. The Lecture was attended by Corporate Personnel, Businessmen, Chartered Accountants and all others interested in investment. The proceeds of this fund raiser will be used for the various ongoing programs and new Projects of the Council. The main Sponsor of the event was Murugappa Group of Companies.



## 6. THE DIAMOND JUBILEE GET TOGETHER

The Diamond Jubilee Get Together for Senior Honorary Members, old Staff and our old Students was organised in our Office premises on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 as part of the New year celebrations. The Council honoured several of its senior Members for their long time services and for rendering their sustained support to this organization. Similarly many of our District Council Members were honoured in appreciation of their valuable contribution. There was a sharing session by few of the Members, old Staff and older Children. Honorable Justice Prabha Sridevan, Madras High Court and Rtn. I.S.A.K. Nazar, District Governor and Ezhuthu Selvar. Lena Tamilvanan, Writer and Publisher were present as guests of honour. There were nearly 400 participants present and it was a colorful evening filled with personal joy and celebration. It was indeed a Day of Thanksgiving.



## **7. The Formation of the State Level NACG (National Action and Coordination Group)**

The South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC) is an apex body of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). It calls for action on the findings and recommendations of the UN Study on Violence Against Children. The 8 countries of SAARC are pledged to strengthen National Child protection systems & safeguard children against violence in the countries across the region. National Action and Coordination Groups (NACGs) are at work in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan & Sri Lanka. India is moving forward to join them.

The National Action and Coordination Group (NACG) brings together NGOs Networks, Coalitions, Media, Children's Forums, Academia and other civil society bodies to promote interaction, networking, joint advocacy, sharing of good practices and experience. It links country action with the wider effort of UN & International bodies. The NACG's strength & effectiveness lies in a wide National membership and active engagement. In this connection, NACG is being formed in every State of India.

The President of ICCW-TN attended the India Initiative Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at New Delhi.

The Council initiated the formation in Tamil Nadu and a Meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Chennai. During this Meeting, the Council was recommended as one of the two Representatives from Tamil Nadu for the National Board.

Our Council took the initiative to form the NACG in Kerala. The Meeting was organized on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and our President attended the Meeting.

A Special Strategy Meeting of the NACG was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 at New Delhi. The President ICCW-TN attended the meeting.

**The South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children** organized the **4<sup>th</sup> Technical Consultation on Stepping Up Protection of Children with Disabilities in South Asia** was conducted from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at Sri Lanka. As part of this Consultation, The NACG Tamil Nadu conducted a preparatory meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014 and a State Level Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014 which was the World Day for Child Abuse Prevention at National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) at Muthukad, on the ECR Road. NGO Representatives from Special Rehabilitation Homes attended the Meeting and the recommendations were sent to NACG New Delhi



***We have touched the lives' of thousands of children and families through our service in the past 60 years***  
**HOWEVER WE PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF OUR WORK in**  
**2014-2015**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name of the Programme</b>	<b>No.of children covered</b>
<b>1</b>	Creches for Children of Working Women - 66 Creches	1507 Children
<b>2</b>	Middle Level Training Centre of ICDS Supervisors	200 Supervisors of ICDS, TN
<b>3</b>	Child Line 1098 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chennai</li> <li>• Cuddalore</li> </ul>	243 Children 383 Children
<b>4</b>	Residential Rehabilitaton Centre for the Hearing Impaired and Destitute Children at Chennai, Kilambakkam and Thanjavur	135 Children
<b>5</b>	Crisis Intervention Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rescued 10 Children</li> <li>• Follow - up 06 Children</li> </ul>	16 Children
<b>6</b>	Prevention of Child Beggary (Through Awareness Programmes)	3500 Public
<b>7</b>	Education & Child Right's Promotion in Krishnagiri District	1000 Students
<b>8</b>	Sponsorship Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chennai</li> </ul>	276 Children
<b>9</b>	Mother and Child Welfare Project at Usilampatti <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsorship Support Girls</li> <li>• Women in Self Help Groups</li> </ul>	448 Children 5190 Women
<b>10</b>	Community Colleges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usilampatti</li> <li>• Srivilliputhur</li> </ul>	93 Students 23 Students
<b>11</b>	Every Child's Right To Family Care Cuddalore and Kanniyakumari Sponsorship	179 Children
<b>12</b>	Project Aaharam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chennai</li> <li>• Kadambathur</li> </ul>	655 Children
<b>13</b>	Action Programme on Child Labour at Srivilliputhur, Virudhunagar District <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Self Help Group - Women</li> </ul>	210 Children 6098 Women
<b>14</b>	Child Labour Relief Project, Vellore District <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self Help Group – Women</li> <li>• Sponsorship</li> </ul>	6435 Children 88 Children
<b>15</b>	Adoption Scrutiny <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-Country Adoption</li> <li>• Inter-Country Adoption</li> </ul>	59 Children Nil
<b>16</b>	Strengthening The Quality Of Education In Kadambattur Block In Thiruvallur District	666 Children

## **CRECHE PROGRAMME**

**Year of Starting - 1976**

**Total number of beneficiaries - 1507**

### **History / Background**

The Council is one of the pioneering organizations providing early childhood care in India. In 1954, a Balwadi programme was started to provide health care, nutrition and pre-school education for children of 3-5 years coming from the weaker sections of society. In the initial stage, the Council was running fourteen Balwadis. In 1976, Government of India started funding a scheme for Creches, focusing on the needs of pre-school age children of working mothers. The Council converted its Balwadis into Creches and expanded the programme to 110 creches in the various Districts of Tamil Nadu.

ICCW, Tamil Nadu at present runs a total of 66 Creches in 8 Districts looking after an average of 1507 children daily. The Creches work from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Children receive mid-day and after noon snacks that are nutritionally balanced. The menu changes each day of the week and varies according to the availability of seasonal vegetables.

The Welfare Officers of the Council are deputed to make frequent visits and monitor the Creches functioning in the 8 Districts.

### **Objectives of the Project**

- ◆ To reduce the burden of ailing and working mothers by providing safe day care for their children
- ◆ To facilitate overall physical and mental growth, health and wellbeing of the children
- ◆ To ensure that the children are enrolled into primary schools

### **FUNDING PARTNER**

Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India through Indian Council for Child Welfare, New Delhi.

## District wise Details of Creches

Sl.No.	Name of the District	No. of Creches Functioning
1.	Chennai	32
2.	Cuddalore	01
3.	Madurai	06
4.	Nagapattinam	01
5.	Nilgiris	05
6.	Thanjavur	03
7.	Vellore	15
8.	Virudhunagar	03
<b>Total</b>		<b>66</b>



## **MIDDLE LEVEL TRAINING CENTRE**

**Year of Starting - 1985**

**Total number of Trainers : 200**

### **History / Background:**

The Middle Level Training Centre (MLTC) trains all the ICDS supervisors in Tamil Nadu. The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is an all India program offering a package of services for children of weaker section of society in the age group 0-5 years. Each center is looked after by an Anganwadi worker and a helper and monitored by a supervisor. There are 2000 supervisors in Tamil Nadu. The aim of MLTC is to ensure quality child care services at the ICDS Anganwadi Centers through training of 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.

### **TARGET GROUP**

Middle Level Functionaries - the Supervisors of the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme in Tamil Nadu.

### **Our Work in 2014-15**

- Conducting 8 job training for 32 days each.
- Conducting Refresher Training after 2 years for all supervisors.
- Project visit especially to Projects with trained Supervisors for monitoring the efficiency of training and for evaluating further training needs
- Participation of trainers in various training programmes to update their knowledge and skills
- Developing training materials and teaching communication kit models for replication at the field level.

### **FUNDING PARTNER**

Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India through Integrated Child Development Services, Govt of Tamil Nadu.

S. No	PROGRAMMES	DATES
1.	Job Training Course for ICDS Supervisors ( <b>JTC – Batch I</b> )	04.05.2014 - 04.06.2014
2.	Job Training Course for ICDS Supervisors ( <b>JTC – Batch II</b> )	05.06.2014 - 06.07.2014
3.	Job Training Course for ICDS Supervisors ( <b>JTC – Batch III</b> )	07.07.2014 - 07.08.2014
4.	Job Training Course for ICDS Supervisors ( <b>JTC – Batch IV</b> )	08.08.2014 - 08.09.2014
5.	Job Training Course for ICDS Supervisors ( <b>JTC – Batch V</b> )	09.09.2014 - 10.10.2014
6.	Job Training Course for ICDS Supervisors ( <b>JTC – Batch VI</b> )	09.11.2014 - 10.12.2014
7.	Job Training Course for ICDS Supervisors ( <b>JTC – Batch VII</b> )	11.12.2014 - 11.01.2015
8.	Job Training Course for ICDS Supervisors ( <b>JTC – Batch VIII</b> )	18.01.2015 – 18.02.2015



## CHILDLINE -1098

**Year of Starting - Chennai - 1999**  
**Cuddalore - 2005**

**Total number of Children reached - 626**

### **History / Background:**

CHILD LINE is an emergency 24 hours free phone service committed to respond to children in difficult situations and link them to long term services. The caller can be either a child or a concerned adult. Child Line India Foundation(CIF) set up by Government of India is responsible to initiate Child Lines. This facility is currently available in 83 Cities in India. Government of India funds this programme.

### **CHENNAI CHILDLINE**

Chennai Child Line was started on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1999 as a Government and NGO network. The Council is one among the two collaborative organizations maintaining round the clock call receiving centre in the city. Child Line works very closely with the Police, Government Departments and other functionaries operating under Juvenile Justice Act 2000.

### **CHILDLINE CUDDALORE**

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

### **Our job as a Collaborative Organization :**

We respond to calls on 1098, provide emergency interventions, link children with services and document every call.

<b>Calls Particulars</b>	<b>Chennai</b>	<b>Cuddalore</b>
<b>A. INTERVENTION CALLS</b>		
➤ Medical assistance	-	13
➤ Shelter	78	100
➤ Restoration	52	52
➤ Rescue from abuse	62	134
➤ Emotional support and Guidance	19 32	22 42
➤ Missing Children I & II	-	7
➤ Referred by other Child Line	-	
<b>I. Intervention Calls-Total</b>	243	383
<b>II. Non-Intervention Call- Total</b>	13,505	1988

## Publicity and Awareness Programme

Innovative and intensive awareness campaigns were carried out throughout the year by the Council, to increase the awareness about CHILD LINE services.

### The Details of the Programmes organized during the Year and the people touched by it:

Awareness Programme	Chennai	Cuddalore Dt.
PCO Owners	594	15
Auto Drivers	1437	-
ICDS Supervisors	90	-
Police Station	24	-
Bus Stop	55	2350
Slums dwellers	-	-
General Public	5510	-
Railway Station	7	554
Campaign	6709	-
Shops	145	-
Shelter Home Children	27	-
No. Of Schools	-	2200
School students	-	-
School teacher	50	-
Tourists places	50	3000
Religious place and other	-	4500

### FUNDING PARTNERS

Ministry of Women and Child Development , Government of India through Child Line India Foundation, Mumbai.



## **CASE HISTORY**

### **Intervention I**

On 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2015, the ICCW - TN Childline received a call from Ambathur stating that a girl was being forced to get married by her parents to a man because she was a drop out from the school. Immediately the Childline team along with the DCPU (District Child Protection Unit Officer – Chennai) and Police Officers went to the spot. The Girls name is Miss. D (name changed) aged 17 Yrs, residing with her parents in Mogappair West, Chennai. She had completed her 10<sup>th</sup> public exams and had scored 371 marks. The team from Chennai Childline counselled the parents about the ill effects of child marriage and requested the parents to stop the marriage. They were informed about the provisions of the Child Marriage Prohibition Act. The parents accepted and stopped the marriage. A written confirmation was obtained from the parents as well as the owner of the marriage hall. Instead of marriage, an engagement was performed on the said date and the girl is now continuing her education.



**72 Child Marriages were stopped in Cuddalore this Year**

# RESIDENTIAL CARE PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN

## Year of Starting - 1981

- 1981 – Home for Destitute & Orthopedically Handicapped Children,  
Chennai  
1985 – Home for Destitute Children, Kilambakkam – Thiruvallur District  
1972 – Children’s Home, Thanjavur  
2003 – Home for Hearing and Speech Impaired, Chennai

## History / Background:

The Council provides residential care facility for boys who are either non adoptable orphans or coming from dysfunctional families due to underprivileged circumstances. Three such Homes are 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 to participate in a number of extra curricular activities such as art – competitions, drama, in order to excel in their respective talents.

## FUNDING PARTNERS

A grant in aid from Department of Social Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu.

## Details of Children under Residential care at present

No. of disadvantaged but normal children at	
Chennai	30
Thiruvallur	18
Thanjavur	81
No. of Hearing & Speech Impaired Children at Chennai	06
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>



- **The Home is 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.**

## **CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTRE FOR PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

**Year of Starting - 1994**

**Total number of children rescued - 16**

### **History/Background**

Child Abuse is a serious violation of Child Rights. Children are abused physically, emotionally and sexually. In many instances of child abuse, the child is abused by Family members, Employers, Teachers and others. It is closely connected to attitudes and child rearing practices, Physical punishment, although harmful to the development of children, is considered necessary by parents and teachers. Society is not even willing to acknowledge the presence of sexual abuse.

The Crisis Intervention Centre was an important milestone in all our efforts to protect the Rights of Children. The centre was started in 1994 with a small assistance from Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Social Defence. The main objective of the Center was to rescue children from abusive circumstances and place them in a positive environment where their rehabilitation will be ensured. 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.

### **No. of Beneficiaries**

- Rescued                      10 Children
- Follow - up                06 Children

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

### **CASE HISTORY**

The child named Karthick was working in an establishment where his job involved melting of Iron and other metals, using highly inflammable fuel materials. One day while performing his job, he was poured boiling oil by the employer. When we received the complaint the boy had already undergone one-month hospitalization and still were in need of prolonged medical care. The child was suffering from severe pain, unable to speak, walk and sleep. Child Line sheltered the boy in ICCW-TN and took him for regular treatment to KMC. FIR was filed against the employer and the employer was remanded for two days. He was released on a condition bail. In this regard, we approached Tamil Nadu State Legal Aid Authority where the employer was forced to come for hearing. Nearly after 10 hearings, the employer was directed to pay Rs.1,00,000/- as compensation for Master. Karthick. Karthick after completion of class X, underwent a Carpentry Training Course and is now an entrepreneur doing his own business.

## **PREVENTION OF CHILD BEGGARY – JUVENILE GUIDANCE BUREAU**

**Year of Starting - 1994**

**Total number of people sensitized through Awareness Programmes - 3500**

### **History / Background :**

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

### **Objectives of the Project :**

- To rehabilitate begging children
- 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 work for the rehabilitation of children
- To carryout programmes to sensitize and solicit the cooperation of general public.

### **FUNDING PARTNERS**

The Department of Social Defence, Government of Tamil Nadu

<b>Total No.of signal visits</b>	<b>Begging women with children identified</b>	<b>Begging women counseled</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>50</b>

## **Education & Child Right's Promotion in Krishnagiri District**

### **History/Background**

"Education and Child Rights Promotion in Krishnagiri district is a sponsorship based Project supported jointly by Intervita and CIAI, Italy. The Project was supported under the sponsorship mode, by sponsoring 1000 children every year and improving their right to education and protection. The children who were sponsored or their parents did not receive any direct monetary benefit through the Project. The rights of the children are ensured through improving the quality of teachings, supporting the enrolment of children, increasing the number of teachers and improving the quality of teachings, supporting the retention of children, bringing drop-outs children back into mainstreaming education or providing them proper vocational training before entering the job, promoting the participation of children in education/recreational events, providing counselling to children and their families, organizing extra-curricular activities, providing food supplement where needed, providing transportation where needed, promoting the formation of School Management Committees etc. The component focusing on child rights were pursued by creating a network of duty bearers who could take up the issues related to Child Rights. The input of the Project benefited the children in the entire village, parents and other stakeholders who are primary and secondary duty bearers of child rights promotion.

During the current year, there was a change in the management pattern of the funding support. The "Intervita" an Italian Organisation opened its office in Mumbai and decided to work directly with the Partners. Hence the triangular relationship of Council, CIAI and INTERVITA was modified to a direct bilateral relationship.

The team of Office Bearers from Intervita, Italy visited the Council and spent four days in Krishnagiri after detailed discussions and field trip, a MOU was signed for supporting the Project for one year, with a promise of a renewal for two years.

The present focus of the Project is in building the capacities of School Management Committees in assuming greater role in the management of schools and in initiating 15 Children's Sangam. The regular activities of the Project are continued.

It is heartening to note that the process has directly impacted the pass percentage of children in the Government Examinations at 10th and 12th level. From 52% at the beginning of the Project to 95% pass percentage this year.

Activity	Result
30 additional teachers employed in 19 Government schools in three blocks to strengthen the quality of education	Reduced drop-outs by 20%.
Learning materials to 1916 school children	School bags, note books were given as an motivation to continue school.
Training for 21 School Management Committee members in 3 blocks	SMC members learnt to draft annual plan
3 days residential training for social workers on Result Based Management at Karl Kuber Institute in Coimbatore in the month of October 2014.	Social workers of Krishnagiri, ICCWTN acquired the result based management skills .
Computer centre (on going programme)	529 students attended 3 centres in 3 blocks and were aware of basic computer application.
Nutrition supplement (Sundal) for 703 children studying in 10 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> standard in four Government schools in evening during special class from January to March 2015.	The pass percentage of 10 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> standard in 4 Government schools was <b>95%</b> .
Children sangams in 3 blocks	15 children sangam have been set up in 3 blocks.15 children facilitators were recruited .461 children have become sangam members.
One day outing for school children	77 children studying in 4 <sup>th</sup> standard from Soolagiri were taken for one day tour to Krishnagiri dam. In the month of February, 110 children studying in 5 <sup>th</sup> standard from Soolagiri were taken to Krishnagiri dam as a motivation to continue schooling.
Motivation training for 9 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> students in January 2015	One day Motivation training was conducted for Anjeti Government Higher Secondary School for 9 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> students to fair well in their examination
Photo graph campaign for sponsored children in 3 blocks in February 2015	Photo campaign was under taken by Project staff in 24 target schools. The photograph of 986 sponsored children were taken and sent to We World in the month of February 2015.
Training for village volunteers and staff members in January 2015	In the month of January, two days training was conducted on adherence of RTE standards in 24 target Governments schools .A survey was conducted in all 24 schools and an assessment was done based on the result of the survey in March 2015.
Reading Skill Enhancement Network in 24 schools in February 2015	633 children studying in 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> standard in 24 Government schools have been classified as Arumu,Mottu and Malar depending on their reading and writing skills.



# **SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME**

**Year of Starting - 1976**

**Total number of beneficiaries – 276**

## **History / Background:**

This programme of the Council aims at providing children with financial assistance and counselling services. This is provided mainly to help them pursue formal education and vocational training. The programme focuses on children in families from the economically weaker sections. The Council helps such children through this programme 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. The programme covers children in the city of Chennai.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- To offer a home based alternate support to vulnerable Children and Families.

### **Services Provided**

- Providing financial assistance for economically weak students.
- Individual counseling and follow – up of sponsored children.
- Career Guidance for School completing children.
- Organising Recreational and Cultural events.
- Institutional Placement and referral services.
- Guidance in academic career and prevent school dropout
- Income Generation Programmes for mothers.

## **FUNDING PARTNERS:**

- CIAI Italy,
- Enfants Du Monde- Belgium,
- Espoir Et Parrainage- Belgium,
- Debby & Lidwein, Holland,
- Mrs. Soni Gurnani – Netherlands,
- Mrs. Surekha Kothari- India
- Other individuals in India & Abroad.

## They Made Us Proud

S.No	Name of the Student	Marks Scored	Class
1.	K.Logeshwari	443/500	X
2.	M.Santhosh	442/500	X
3.	V.SivaMaran	433/500	X
4.	R.Lavanya	417/500	X
5.	D.Geetha	403/500	X
6.	M.Aiswarya	1145/1200	XII
7.	J.Kavitha	1040/1200	XII
8.	K.Abilash	1040/1200	XII
9.	K.Parveen Banu	955/1200	XII
10.	M.Rupavathy	908/1200	XII



## **CASE HISTORY**

### **A real Success Story**



In the year 1999 Raj Kumar was brought to ICCWTN requesting for sponsorship support as the family was in a very distressing situation due to the sudden demise of the father. Raj Kumar's mother was then working in an export company for a low salary. After formal procedures, the application was forwarded for sponsorship. He was in class IV when his sponsorship started in the year 1999. He was an excellent student throughout his academic career and secured 1055/1200 (88%) in the XII standard. He joined the University Degree course and was supported from Professional Course Assistance. In 2011, he successfully completed his B.Com Degree and was selected as an Accountant in the campus interview by a company "Kone Elevators" with a starting pay of Rs. 2 Lakhs per annum. Now he is earning more than 4 lakhs a year and is happily settled with his mother.

### **Hope Returns**

Grace Veronica is the eldest child in the family. She has one younger sister. She was brought to Indian Council for Child Welfare-Tamil Nadu at the age of 10 when she was in class VI by her grand mother, who was a housemaid. Grace Veronica's father deserted the family when she was 5 years old and her mother also deserted the children when Grace Veronica was 7 years old. Their whereabouts are not known till date. The grandmother was very old and hence approached the Council with a request for educational support as she was not able to pay the school fees. She was told about ICCW by one of the well-wishers known to her. The social workers of the Sponsorship Programme visited the family immediately and extended support. She has been good in studies throughout. Now she has completed Class XII in the year 2014 & has secured 1046/1200. She has joined B.Sc. Computer Science in one of the leading Colleges in Chennai. She is looking forward to her future with full of hopes & dreams.

**[ Details revealed after obtaining the consent of the respective children]**

## **MOTHER AND CHILD WELFARE PROJECT AT USILAMPATTI**

**Year of Starting - 1988**

### **History / Background**

Indian Council for Child Welfare, Tamil Nadu initiated its fight against the practice of Female Infanticide in 1988 with a small grant from National Children's Fund. Initially working in the 309 hamlets of the Usilampatti Taluk, the Project has gone through many phases. The Project has not recorded any case of female infanticide, since the year 2000.

### **Objectives**

- Prevention of Female Infanticide and Empowerment of Girl Children
- Education and Skill Training for girl children
- Improvement of the socio-economic status of women

### **Focus Areas**

The present focus of the Project is to consolidate these changes and support the community to evolve collective decision making mechanisms so that the changes can be institutionalized.

- The women's programme is moving towards sustainability and assuming responsibility for the community at large.
- Life skill Training Programme for Adolescent Boys and Girls.
- Supporting Girl Children for the Education.

**FUNDING PARTNERS:** CIAI ITALY

**The following are the major programmes through which this task has been accomplished**

- Life skills and attitudinal change training programme for adolescent girls and boys.
- Education and Vocational guidance and training for adolescent children
- Empowerment training for women and facilitating financial support for women's development.
- Community College

### **Agro Based Training:**

The Agro Based training was conducted for 123 trainees covering 8 villages. The farmers were exposed to scientific method of agriculture and special training in planting crops according to the fertility of the soil.

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Module</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>No.of Participants</b>
1	VII	Milch Animal	08.05.2014 & 09.05.2014	123
2	VIII	Vermi-Compost	28.10.2014	123
3	IX	Horticulture	15.12.2014 & 16.12.2014	123
4	X	Flower Cultivation	23.12.2014 & 24.12.2014	123

### **STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Village Covered	309 Village
Girls Supported with Educational Sponsorship	224
Girls Supported with School Studies	203
Girls Supported with College Studies and Vocational Training	21
No. of Creches Functioning for Working Women	06
No. of Children in the Creche	136
No. of Agro Based Training Conducted in the Villages	21
No. of Trainees in Agro Based	123 Trainees
No. Of Self Help Groups Organized	420
Membership in Self Help Groups	5190
Savings Raised by Self Help Groups	Rs. 1,37,75,150/-
Women Supported with Income Generation Programme	420
Facilitation of Credit Support from Bank to SHGS	Rs.17,58,64,200/-

# COMMUNITY COLLEGES

A MOVEMENT FOR ENABLING ADOLESCENT YOUTH TO BECOME AN EMPLOYABLE ADULT

**Year of Starting - 2008**

## **History / 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.

- The main objective of the programme is to impart technical training to children in the age group 16- 18 years.
- Secondly, to build a new society of male and female skilled workers through imparting technical training through ICCW-TN's Sudar Community College and Vasantham Community College.
- Thirdly, to mentor the students and link them with appropriate industrial and business houses to ensure employment and economic empowerment.

## **COURSES OFFERED**

- Diploma in Computer Hardware Servicing – both at Usilampatti and Srivilliputhur
- Diploma in Desk Top Publishing - Usilampatti
- Diploma in Home Appliances Repair and Servicing
- Diploma in Health Assistants. - Usilampatti
- Diploma in fashion Designing and Garment Making – Both at Usilampatti and Srivilliputhur

**FUNDING PARTNERS:** CIAI ITALY

**The Council is running 2 Community Colleges at Usilampatti and Srivilliputhur**

## ICCW-Vasantham Community College at Usilampatti, Madurai Dt

### YEAR WISE STRENGTH OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE OFFERED	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
DTP	13	08	15	11	15
DCHS	11	08	18	20	15
DHRS	14	08	03	04	10
DFGM	-	11	09	09	11
D.Nursing-I	-	20	14	21	22
D. Nursing-II	-	-	09	14	20



### CASE HISTORY

Vijaysarthan is one of the students passed out from the Community College, Srivilliputhur. Earlier after completing class XII he was doing odd jobs. He was feeling very dejected. At that time time he came to know about the Sudar Community College where he enrolled himself in the Diploma in Computer Hardware and Servicing Course. He underwent the training successfully. The spoken English and the Life Copying Skills classes offered during the course period was very helpful and there was a big change in his attitude and communication skill. Now he is a free lance Computer Hardware Professional and earns more than Rs.7,000/-per month. The confidence he gained during the course has helped him to become self employed.

# **EVERY CHILD'S RIGHT TO FAMILY CARE**

## **Cuddalore and Kanniyakumari**

### **History / Background**

On 26<sup>th</sup> December 2004 an underwater earthquake in the Indian Ocean caused unprecedented devastation with the Tsunami hitting the coast of a number of Countries of which India was one particularly the coast of the State of Tamil Nadu and in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

13 Coastal District covering 2260 km of Coastline of Tamil Nadu were affected. The worst hit was Nagapattinam, Cuddalore and Kanniyakumari Districts leaving many dead and many more homeless.

The focus of Indian Council for Child Welfare, Tamil Nadu, from January 2005 to March 2008 in the Tsunami affected areas was in reestablishing normalcy in the lives of affected children by ensuring their basic needs of nutrition, health care and education and strengthening and supporting communities in rebuilding their homes and livelihood. Priority assistance was provided to the children orphaned, from single parent families and children identified by our specialized intervention team from our respective field offices at Nagapattinam, Cuddalore and Kanniyakumari Districts.

During the ten long years the Council has made valuable strides in creating a caring family support for these children affected by the Tsunami. Totally we have supported 89 orphan children and 223 children from single parent families in Cuddalore and Kanyakumari and another 436" children through SIDA support in Cuddalore. Many of the children have been enabled to complete their education, take up vocational training, enter fishing as their traditional occupation and settle down happily in marriage.

In addition, to directly supporting children in families, the Council under took various measures to create awareness among community regarding Child Rights and Child Protection. The Extensive work with families of affected children through formation of parents support groups and annual kinship training programs for parents has helped the Council to create a positive environment for children. During the last two years the Council launched a major initiative to train the children in life skills and leadership quality. The formation of Children Sangams in Cuddalore created a platform for children to exercise the right to participation. During the year 2014-15 an external evaluation was conducted by Dr. S. Johnson Raj.

The Project gave a great learning opportunity to the Council especially in managing the disaster relief and creating an alternate model of child care based on the principle of Kinship Care.

## Glimpses from the External Evaluation Assessment Report ....

"There was a clear convergence towards the children facilitating them family / alternate care ECRFC".

"The significant impacts on children include: increased awareness on self and decision making skills, enhanced personal skills and talents, awareness on child rights, interest in education and clarity on higher education".

"Every stakeholder concerned with children was capacitated to realise, respect and ensure the rights of the children".

"As lessons learned, kinship care and support is an alternate model to be promoted. Shift from individual sponsorship mode to Project mode is more comprehensive and effective".

The evaluation report clearly show the benefits received by the children in their own words, during process of their participation in the Focus Group Discussion.

<b>TABLE - 2</b>			
<b>CHILDREN SPONSORED OVER THE YEARS</b>			
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NEW SPONSORSHIP</b>	<b>TERMINATED</b>	<b>FINAL</b>
2005	716	0	716
2006	0	131	585
2007	0	232	353
2008	0	0	353
2009	7	0	360
2010	7	50	317
2011	0	6	311
2012	0	74	237
2013	5	64	178
2014	0	0	178
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>178</b>



As a concluding gesture CIAI has agreed to extend their support to 61 children who are in School now, till they complete Std X. The sponsorship will continue till they complete Schooling. The Council recognizes and place on record the immense gratitude of children and families from the affected community and the members of the Council for the excellent support and guidance received from CIAI and to all their donors..

# **AAHARAM**

**Year of Starting - 2014**

**Total number of beneficiaries – 655**

## **History / Background:**

Nutritional status is one of the best indicators of the overall well being of children and human resources development. The manifestations of malnutrition could be seen in children as prevalence of specific nutrient deficiency disorders, lack of resistance to illnesses and susceptibility to a number of infectious diseases. Project Aaharam was launched to ensure every child's right to good health and overall development in collaboration with Save the Children with support from Glaxo Smith Kline (GSK).

## **Objectives of the Project :**

- The key objective of the Project was to identify malnourished children and evolve appropriate community based intervention strategies in Chennai and Kadambatur, to restore the children to the path to nutritious development.

## **Strategies:**

- Assessment of Nutritional Status of the target age-group 3-6 years using simple anthropometric measurements ( Height, Weight and Mid Upper Arm Circumference Tape MUAC)
- Interpretation of nutritional status using growth chart.
- Identification of moderately and severely malnourished children
- Planning appropriate intervention strategies such as supplementation with therapeutic foods, health check up and referrals to the nearest health centers or Government hospital at the District Head Quarters.
- Creating awareness in the community on the nutritional needs of young Children and adopting simple personal hygiene and sanitation practices for the well being of the children.
- Coordinating with key Stakeholders including ICDS functionaries, local health officials, Government School Teachers and elected representatives of the local civic bodies

## **Funding Partner:**

Save the Children - Bal Raksha Bharat & Glaxo Smith Kline (GSK)

### Details of Interventions of the Project:

Project Area	Moderately Malnourished		Severely Malnourished		Severely Malnourished to Moderately Malnourished		Normal		Children Shifted		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Chennai	58	85	4	6	7	13	54	31	8	11	131	146
Kadambatur	75	86	0	4	4	11	112	78	5	3	196	182

The Project and its various initiatives benefited from the fact that there was a connection made with a local lady in the community, who would act as the middleman between the Project team and the beneficiaries. This facilitated smoother communication, ensured good participation and effectiveness of Project Aaharam.

People participated in good numbers and the team was able to reach out and offer services to a lot of families and their children. The turnout and effectiveness matched expectations.



## **ACTION PROGRAMME ON CHILD LABOUR AT SRIVILLIPUTTUR**

### **History / Background :**

We started working in Virudhunagar District at a time, when exploitative child labour was a harsh reality in that region in the Match and Fire Works Industry. The Industry was heavily dependent on a work force offered by the children and we found it a big challenge to change the mind set of the employers, employees and their parents especially in the small sectors. The Action Programme on Child Labour, was started in the year 1992 in 10 villages in Srivilliputhur Block and has since made great strides in creating awareness and in reducing the number of child labourers in the entire block. The Project started with the support from ILO and later was funded by Aide et Action, a France based funding organisation till 2005. At present, the Project is being sustained by the Council and CIAI, Italy (Italian Association for Aid to Children).

### **Objectives**

- Provide support for High School Education.
- Vocational Training and Higher Education for children, especially those who were removed from the labour force.
- To conduct capacity building programmes to Self Help Groups members with the support from Women Development Corporation of Government of Tamil Nadu.

### **ICCW-Sudar Community College at Srivilliputhur, Virudhunagar District**

<b>No.of Batch</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>	
	<b>Trained</b>	<b>Employed/Higher Studies</b>
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

### **Student's Placement for year 2014-15 is given below**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Students Name</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Placement</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.	C.Marimuthu	DFGM	Royal Garments , Sathur	4500
2.	G.Kavitha	DFGM	Royal Garments , Sathur	4500
3.	M.Gurueswari	DFGM	Royal Garments , Sathur	4500

4.	R.Kalaishanthi	DFGM	Self Employment	6000
5.	V.Kaleswari	DFGM	Garments , Thirupur	4500
6.	M.Nivetha	DFGM	Higher studies	----
7.	K.Vidhya	DFGM	Got Married	---
8.	S.Thangapandi	DTP	The Safire Interties ,Printers Sivakasi	5000
9.	P.Stella	DTP	SUN System , Srivilliputtur	4000
10.	R.Nirozen	DTP	SUN System , Srivilliputtur	4000
11.	M.Chellakili	DTP	Digital studio, Chetrapatti	4000
12.	L.Porselvi	DTP	Got Married	---
13.	R.Suneja	DTP	Higher studies	---
14.	K.Manova	DTP	Own business ,srivilliputtur	7000
15.	S.Manokar	DTP	Bakery ,srivilliputtur	4500
16.	V.Ramkumar	DTP	The Safire Interties ,Printers Sivakasi	5000
17.	M.Santhankumar	DTP	Standard agency	4500
18.	P.Paldurai	DTP	Railway	7500
19.	A.Ajitha	DTP	Got Married	---
20.	M.Thavasilingam	DTP	Higher studies	---
21.	V.Shanmugapriya	DTP	Higher studies	---
22.	R.Vignesh	DTP	The Safire Intertie Printers Sivakasi	4500
23.	M.Ramani	DTP	Got Married	---

### **Award winners of the year 2013 -2014**

- 1.RAMYA.L – Gold medalist ( University 1<sup>st</sup> Rank)  
DDTP (Diploma in Desktop Publishing)  
2013 – 2014
- 2.PECHIAMMAL.A – Rank holder ( University II<sup>nd</sup> Rank)  
DDTP (Diploma in Desktop Publishing)  
2013 – 2014
3. JAGAN JOSE STANLY . Rank holder ( University III<sup>nd</sup> Rank)  
DCHS (Diploma in Computer Hardware Servicing)  
2013 – 2014

## **CHILD LABOUR RELIEF PROJECT AT VELLORE**

### **History/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.

Till 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.

### **STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS.**

No.of children received Sponsorship Assistance	88 students
Academic Students	18 Boys +50 Girls= 68
Technical Students	12 Boys +08 Girls+20
No.of Creches functioning	15
No.of children attending ereehcs	360
No.of Village Education Development committee functioning	01
No.of member in VEDC	15
No.of Women Self Help Group	Urban : 235
	Rural : 194
	Total : 429
No.of members in WSHG	6435
Total Savings of the Women Group	Rs.3,97,99,300/-
Total Amount of Loan Avail	Rs.1,23,10,000/- (44 Groups)
No.of Trainings conducted for WSHG: Self Empowerment Training Financial Managment training Door mat making Training	03
No.of Women Benifited	113
No.of Students completed the Vocational Training in Computer	15
No.of Girls completed the Vocational Training in Tailoring	6 Months course 10 No's 3 Months course 27 No's
No.of National Level Painings Competition Conducted	01
No.of Studets participated in the competition	703
District level Prize winner	35
State Level Prize Winner	06

## ADOPTION SCRUTINY

**Year of Starting - 1985**

**Total number of beneficiaries – 59**

### **History / Background:**

The Indian Council for Child Welfare is one of the two 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 competent Courts in India.

### **Objectives of the Project :**

- Accordingly ICCWTN has been appointed by the High Court of Madras as Adoption Scrutinizing Agency and has been officiating in that capacity 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. After due perusal and visit to see the child (either in the Institution or with the prospective adoptive parent in the case of Indian Adoption) we submit our reports to the concerned Courts with reference to the following facts.
  - a) Whether the child is legally free for adoption
  - b) Whether the petitioners are competent persons to adopt a child
  - c) 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**

- The documents are carefully perused and verified
- A report is filed to the concerned Court as to whether all the procedures and guidelines of the Supreme Court and Government of India have been followed, 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. The Council is a member of the State level CARA (Central Adoption Resource Agency) Committee.

### **No. of Scrutiny reports submitted in 2014-2015**

In Country - 59

Inter Country- Nil

### **Detail of In-Country carried out in 2014-2015**

Placement Agency	Adoption		Total
	Inter Country	In country	
Karna Prayag Trust	Nil	26	26
Kasturba Hospital	Nil	2	2
Grace Kennet Foundation	Nil	9	9
Ananth Ashram Trust	Nil	15	15
St Joseph Charity Institute	Nil	5	5
Private Adoption	Nil	2	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>

# **STRENGTHENING THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN KADAMBATTUR BLOCK IN THIRUVALLUR DISTRICT**

**Year of Starting - 2013**

**Total number of beneficiaries – 666 Children**

## **History / Background:**

The Project “Right to Education in Kadambattur Block in Thiruvallur District” was started in the month of November 2013. This is a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity funded by United Way of Chennai involving the volunteers from Caterpillar Company .

The focus of this Project is to improve the retention and quality of education in Government Schools in and around the Kadambathur Block, Thiruvallur District. 6 such Schools were identified and preliminary details have been collected from these schools. Special attention has been paid to carve the space for the corporate volunteers to take active part in Project implementation.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- To make the right to education for all children a reality through increasing enrollment and retention in Panchayat Union Schools in Kadambattur Block Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu.
- To enhance the quality of learning in children through enhanced child friendly environment in Panchayat Union (PU) Schools.

## **Intervention Measures**

- Adoption of 6 Schools within 10 - 12 km radius of the Caterpillar Company in Kadambattur Block
- Provide support for improving infrastructural facilities in Schools - Water/ Sanitation/ Play/ Teacher Learning Material.
- Improve enrolment through identification of drop-outs and never enrolled.
- Introduce Additional Teachers in PU Schools.
- Introduce spoken English classes for children.
- Need based programmer for teachers – Trainings/ Meetings/ Special events etc.
- Encourage community participation
- Introduce Reading Skill Enhancement Programme

## **FUNDING PARTNER:**

United Way of Chennai (UWC)  
&  
Caterpillar, India

## ACTIVITIES:

Activity	Date	Number of participants
Summer camp was conducted with 30 children in Kelambakkam boys home	27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> May - 2014	30 boys
Rally was conducted to eliminating dropouts from the community	30-05-2014	149
Training on 5s was conducted in caterpillar company for the school teachers	13-08-2014	16
Study tour organized for the heads of the 6 Schools to "Kaliyuva mane" Mysore.	04-09-2014 to 07-09-2014	10
Inter School Event - Sports and games	14-10-2014 to 30-10-2014	595
Intra School competition	28-10-2014	60
Awareness programme on Gender Discrimination in all Middle schools.	05-03-2015	523

## CASE HISTORY

Pasoorammal aged 9 years from a scheduled tribe residing in Kannima Nagar, Thiruvallur District was identified by the Field level Co-ordinator. Pasoorammal dropped out of school when she was in her 3<sup>rd</sup> Std and missed schooling for an year. The family works as daily labourers. The Field level Officer and the Co-ordinator approached her parents and the child and counseling was given to both. They were not able to understand the importance of education. Thereafter with the help of Thiruvallur Childline the child was rescued and enrolled in class IV in Kannima Nagar Panchayat Union Middle School. Now the child is going regularly to school and is the progress is being closely monitored by the staff.



# INFORMATION, DOCUMENTATION & RESEARCH CENTRE

**Year of Starting - 1993**

## **History / Background:**

The Center was started in 1993, to fulfill a need for the availability of 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 make it available to all concerned with child development. The Center has a library, which provides valuable background material for research. This Centre has 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.

## **Meeting attended**

- The Information Officer attended the National Consultation on "Improving Living Conditions of Children in Urban Slums in India" held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at New Delhi conducted by CBGA
- The President attended the Juvenile Justice Round Table at Judicial Academy on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014
- The Fourth International and Eighth Biennial Conference of Indian Society of Victimology (ISV) organized by Department of Criminology, University of Madras was held from 9-11 October, 2014. The main theme of the conference was "Victimization of Children: Dimensions and Response of the Stakeholders. The Conference was attended by our President, General Secretary and the Project Co-ordinator of ISPCAN Resource Centre.
- The President was the Resource Person and the Hon Joint Secretary attended the CII & UNICEF - CSR Conclave on Women with special focus on Adolescent Girls on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at Chennai.
- Hon Director of IDRC attended the CBGA Meeting at New Delhi on Jan 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2015
- The Information Officer attended a GYAN training "**Effective presentation skills for NGOs**" organized by iVolunteer on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015 by Mr. Thilak Iyer co-runs a Management Consulting and Transformation firm called Effilor

- The Co-ordinator of Childline and the Home Social Worker participated in the two day National Conference on **Psychosocial Support for Young at risk** organized by Don bosco Anbu Illam. (05<sup>th</sup> and 06<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015)

### **Student Placement:**

The Students of 7 city Colleges were oriented on the activities of the Council. 14 students did their Block Placement in the Council and 36 Students were placed for the field work during this period.



## **PUBLICATIONS OF THE COUNCILS...**

- Handbook on Child Adoption in India (1996)
- Saving The Girl Child – Process Document (1998)
- Saving The Girl Child – A Strategies Manual (1998)
- Child And Law in India in English (1998) and Tamil (2003)
- Directory for Child care Organisations 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 - 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 Nadu” – 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 Pre school 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 & Inter Country - a database from April 1993 – March 1998. -1999

## NATIONAL PAINTING COMPETITION

Indian Council for Child Welfare – National organizes every year a “Painting Completion” 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. 120 Paintings were received by the Council from 11 District of Tamil Nadu. 25 Paintings were selected as prize winning entries and the paintings were forwarded to New Delhi. Of this, the painting of Master T. Prabhu, Vellore District won the consolation prize at the National Level. V . Aswini Vellore District won the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize.

At the State Level, 10 best paintings were selected and provided with Cash award and Certificate of Participation was given to all participants.



## ***World Fit for Children'***

1. Protest if you see a child being ill-treated
2. Report to some authority if you know of a child being physically or sexually abused. Call: Child Line Tel: 1098 or ICCW-TN – 26260097/26205655
3. Do not employ a child for any work including domestic service.
4. Help to educate a disadvantage child.
5. Serve as a Volunteer at ICCW, Tamil Nadu - Contact Telephone – 044 - 2622 0152

## ***Some of ICCW, Tamil Nadu's programme where you can help***

- ❖ Children's Home for One Day:
  - Breakfast for 40 children - Rs. 1,250/-
  - Lunch / Dinner for 40 children - Rs. 1,500/-
- ❖ Endowment Scheme – which is kept in deposit and Interest to be used every year for Breakfast/Lunch/ Dinner on a given date - Rs. 10,000/-
- ❖ Sponsor a Child's Education for a year for Schooling
  - Tamil Medium - Rs.4000/-
  - English Medium - Rs. 6000/-
- ❖ Sponsor a Student for Higher Education - Rs.10,000/-
- ❖ Sponsor one student in the Community College at Srivilliputhur - Rs. 6,000/-
- ❖ Support a Creche (25 children) for One month - Rs.2,500/-
- ❖ Adopt a Creche for one year - Rs.30,000/-

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### **NOTE:**

- **Donations are welcome in cash and kind.**
- **Donations are exempted under the Sec.80G IT Act**

## **We are Working towards**

- ❖ A Protective Framework for reporting, rescuing & rehabilitating for abused children.
- ❖ Launching special initiatives for promoting Participation Rights of Children.
- ❖ Identifying eager volunteers for enriching programmes.
- ❖ Ensuing efficient, qualitative service delivery.

## **We are concerned about**

- ❖ Gaps between policy formulation, planning and effective implementation
- ❖ Lack of co-ordination & synergy of services delivery for Children.
- ❖ Lack of documentation / inadequate documentation of field initiatives.
- ❖ Changes in overall socio-economic environment.



## OUR THANKS TO

- Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India
- Indian Council for Child Welfare, New Delhi.
- Department of Social Welfare, Govt of Tamil Nadu
- Department of Social Defence, Govt of Tamil Nadu
- Education Department, Govt of Tamil Nadu
- Child Line India Foundation, Mumbai.
- UNICEF
- CIAI, Italy
- We World Italy
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