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OUR VISION

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

OUR GUIDING VALUES

1. The U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC) provides the guiding framework for our work.
2. Our focus is child centred. We recognize that,
 - a. For the holistic development of children, issues concerning their families, communities and society, including poverty and social justice, have to be addressed.
 - b. Children and their needs, interests and rights, should be considered and have priority in all policy planning and action by Governments, both State and Central, and the public, and that the ICCW, TN has a role in lobbying for, and protecting the interests of children.
 - c. For the full and harmonious development of the child's personality, she/he should grow-up in a family environment.
 - d. Education is the fundamental right of every child.
 - e. The girl child needs special attention so as to ensure her Rights to Survival, Development and Protection.
 - f. 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

To ensure for children their basic human right to survival, physical, mental and social development and opportunities to grow to their full potential.

To work for the protection of children against neglect, abuse and exploitation.

To initiate, support or undertake any activity for betterment of families and communities, which will ultimately enhance the quality of life for children.

To initiate, undertake or aid directly or through District Councils or Institutional Members, schemes for furtherance of Child Welfare/Development in Tamil Nadu.

To promote dissemination of knowledge and information and to educate public opinion on Child Welfare/ Development programmes on a scientific basis.

- a. To promote enactments of legislation relating to matters concerning children and their welfare, and to work towards the implementation of the provisions.

Help Us Make a Difference in the Lives of Vulnerable Children

Indian Council for Child Welfare, Tamil Nadu, is a not for profit organisation founded in 1953. It is registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1875. ICCW, TN, has branches in all the districts of Tamil Nadu, with the District Collector as the President of the District Council.

NITI Ayog	TN/2009/0019634
FCRA	The Council is registered with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, for receiving contributions from foreign sources.
12AA	ICCW TN is exempt 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.

OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Home Management Committee

Chairperson : Dr. C.P. Karpagam, MD. D Ch

Information, Documentation and Research Centre, Chennai :

Hon. Director : Dr. K. Shanthi, MA PhD

Project for Prevention of Female Infanticide, Usilampatti, Madurai Dt.

Hon. Secretary, Project : Tmt. Valli Annamalai

Hon. Joint Secretary : Tmt. Uma Veerappan

Hon. Joint Secretary : Tmt. V. Jayanthi

Child Labour Relief Project at Vellore District :

Hon. Secretary : Dr.(Tmt). Suseela Chidambaram, M.Com., PhD

Hon. Treasurer : Tmt. Sundaravalli Kubendran

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

President : Dr. V. Suresh Thaliath, MA PhD

Hon Secretary : Thiru. V. Prakash, MA.,B.Ed

Hon. Treasurer : Tmt. T. Renugadevi

Children's Resource Centre at Nagapattinam District

Committee Members : Thiru CA . K.S. Kumarevelu , M Com

Dr. B. Venkatesan, MBBS

Thiru.Kannabiram

Cuddalore District

Hon. Secretary : Thiru. P. Arulappan MA. BL.

Hon. Treasurer : Tmt. R. Banumathi

Thanjavur District

Hon Secretary : Thiru R. Raghuraman

THE OFFICE BEARERS OF THE COUNCIL

TMT. ANDAL DAMODRAN
PRESIDENT



TMT. SEETHA NUTHAIAN
VICE PRESIDENT



TMT. CHANDRA DEVI THANDACHALAM
VICE PRESIDENT



TMT. USHA RAMAKRISHNAN
VICE PRESIDENT



TMT. M.S. VAJJAYANTHI
HON. TREASURER



TMT. PADMA YERRA
HON. GENERAL SECRETARY



TMT. VALLI ANNAMALAI
HON. JOINT SECRETARY (SOUTH)



THEIRU. A. ANBARASU
HON. JOINT SECRETARY



DR SHANTHI K
HON DIRECTOR



DR. C.P. KARPAGAM
CHAIRPERSON



TMT. GIRIJA KUMARABU
CONSULTANT



We are Working towards

- ❖ A Protective Framework for reporting, rescue & rehabilitation of abused children.
- ❖ Launching special initiatives for promoting Participation Rights of Children.
- ❖ Identifying eager volunteers for enriching Programmes.
- ❖ Ensuring efficient, good quality 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 / Lack of Evidence based Reports.
- ❖ Effect of Increasing Urbanisation on children
- ❖ Changing Social Values
- ❖ Explosion of modes of Communication resulting in Online Abuse.

Some of ICCW Tamil Nadu's programmes where you can help

Children's Home for One Day for 50 children:	
- Breakfast	- Rs. 1,250/-
- Lunch / Dinner	- Rs. 2,000/-
- Snacks	- Rs 750/-
Endowment Scheme – The principal is fixed in a deposit and the interest accrued used every year for Breakfast/Lunch/ Dinner on a given date	Rs 15,000/-
Sponsor a Child's Education for a year	Rs. 6,000/-
Sponsor a Child's Birthday Celebration	Rs. 1,500/-

NOTE:

** Monetary and Material donations are welcome.

** Donations are exempted under the Sec.80G of the IT Act

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Secretary's Message

Dear Members of ICCWTN, friends and stakeholders at all levels,

It is my privilege to place before you the report for the year 2020-21.

As I write this report, we are just emerging from the havoc the second phase of the COVID 19 pandemic has wrought upon us. It has disrupted livelihoods and uprooted families. The sense of uncertainty still prevails as we wait for the third wave to strike us, warily hoping that it doesn't. What does keep us going is the happy resilience exhibited by the children we work with.

The children living in Institutions as well as those in families have struggled with the limitations of online or distance education. While there has been an effort to provide the electronic devices required, experience has reinforced the belief that they are never a substitute or alternative to having a teacher and classmates along with the class room setting.

Some of our projects have been paused pending the easing up of restrictions. These include the Resource Centre for Girls at the Malarvanam campus, the Rainbow Crèches, the MLTC programmes. We await conditions conducive for resuming the services.

The Essential Service offered by the CHILDLINE 1098 has continued without pause through the most difficult lockdowns. Likewise, we have had some children residing in our homes throughout the period as they had no sort of home to revert to. The Children's Homes and Sponsorship teams kept in touch with all the children in our care to provide reassurance and stability.

It is this core group of motivated staff and resource persons that has enabled us to continue to serve children in the most difficult circumstances.

The work in partnership with UNICEF continues. Mrs. Girija Kumarababu anchored the Programme on 'Foster Care Demonstration Project' being the major activity. A study under a clause of POCSO that puts adolescent boys at a disadvantage and development of various Resource Books on Child Protection were the others.

The Council partnered with The Rotary Club of Anna Nagar – Madras in setting up a Children's Library in our campus. This Library is to benefit the children of the community. The library was inaugurated in February 2021.

The one bright ray of hope that shines through all these times has been the unstinted support of the State Government, the understanding Project Partners, our Sponsors, Well-wishers and Patrons. You give us the strength to carry on.

Thanking you,

Always in the service of Children,

Padma Yerra
Honorary General Secretary,

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

OVERVIEW OF OUR WORK 2020-2021

Sl. No	Name of the Programme	No.of beneficiaries
1	Residential Rehabilitation Centre for the Hearing Impaired and Destitute Children at Chennai Kilambakkam, Thiruvallur Dt and Thanjavur	36 21 45
2	Sponsorship Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chennai • Sankalp • Sponsorship for Continuing Education 	114 Children 39 children 149 Children
3	Child Line 1098 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chennai • Cuddalore 	317 416
4	Adoption Scrutiny <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Country Adoption • Inter-Country Adoption 	4 -
5	Child Labour Relief Project, Vellore District	
	Self Help Groups for Women –	Urban – 70 groups
		Rural – 148 groups
	Vocational Training in Tailoring	64 Children
6	Community Colleges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usilampatti 	75

COVID19 Relief

The distress and disruption caused by the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic is of a scale not experienced before by the current populace in their lifetimes. The lockdown restrictions constrained our movements and ability to render aid. Nevertheless, we did manage to gather and disperse a limited amount of help to the families of children we have been working with in the communities around us.

Chennai

- Families of 50 children who were attending the two Day Care Centres run by ICCW TN in Shenoy Nagar were provided with dry rations
- Nutritional support was given for families living in the neighborhood in coordination with Childline India Foundation. 61 families benefitted.
- Families of 30 girl children enrolled in the Resource Centre for Girls were provided with dry rations. This contribution was given by Make a Difference.

Thiruvallur

- Five families were given dry rations. These families were referred by the District Child Protection Unit from Thiruvallur.



Thanjavur

- 50 Rice bags of 10 kg each was given to the District Collector as Corona Relief.
- On the request of the District Collector, our Home organised the Community Meal centre. Upto 250 packets of food were issued every morning between 22.04.2020 and 17.05.2020. Additionally, during this time, Bread packets were given to the needy and pavement dwellers.
- Kabasura Kudineer, traditionally used to build immunity, was administered to 500 persons between June 2020 and November 2020.



DONATION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES TO ATTEND CLASSES ONLINE

With education having moved online, we found that a lot of children were missing out on their classes because they did not have access to a smartphone. Some very kind donors came forward to sponsor devices for the children. With donations from patrons, 10 Android phones and 5 tablets were given to the children who were thus able to attend the classes being held online.



One young high schooler from the USA offered to tutor children online as he was aware of the closure of schools. When we pointed out that the children didn't even have the devices to avail of his offer of tutoring, the teenager earned money to send us so we could buy suitable devices for the children. This invaluable donation helped our children participate in the lessons and activities being conducted online through the year. We express our utmost gratitude for this kind gesture from a caring young person.

Rotary Children's Library

ICCW TN in partnership with The Rotary Club of Anna Nagar – Madras set up a Children's library in our campus. It is intended to benefit the children of the community. The library was inaugurated on the 9th of February 2021. Care has been taken to provide a good selection of books in both Tamil and English. We await easing of pandemic restrictions to extend the use of the library to more children.



MIDDLE LEVEL TRAINING CENTRE FOR ICDS FUNCTIONARIES (MLTC)

YEAR OF STARTING : 1985
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 Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) 40 year old flagship programme of Govt. of India offering a variety of services for children of weaker sections of society ranging from 0-5 years of age through the Anganwadi model. The Tamil Nadu Government runs 54439 ICDS Centres, spreading over all the Districts of Tamil Nadu. A supervisor under the Scheme supervises 25 to 50 ICDS Centres in her area.

There are 2000 Supervisors in Tamil Nadu who monitor Anganwadi Teachers and Helpers. The Middle Level Training Centre (MLTC) trains all the ICDS Supervisors in Tamil Nadu. The aim is to equip the supervisor to ensure the quality of child care services at the ICDS Anganwadi Centers.

The Tamil Nadu Government recognized the Council as the MLTC in charge of organizing Training Programmes for the Supervisors in 1985.

OBJECTIVES OF MLTC.

- 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 for supervision.

No Training was conducted this year due to the pandemic. We await the Government's directive to resume the Training activity.

RAINBOW Centre for Pre-School Children

YEAR OF STARTING - 2018
FUNDING PARTNER Individual donors and contributions from parents

BACKGROUND:

The Council has been a pioneer the field of Early Childhood Care and Education and has been running creches before the launch of ICDS by the Government of India. .

Once ICDS was launched, we have received a grant to run the creches from the Government for several years. The, Council exited the scheme from 01-04-2018 and formulated the Project Rainbow. We extend quality Early Childhood Care and Education for children in the age 2 to 5 years from marginalized and low middle income families.

The Nine Centres are located in Shenoy Nagar (2), KK Nagar (1) Chemmancherry resettlement area (5) and Kovur, a rural site (1).

Objectives:-

1. Ensure a safe and protective environment for children of working mothers during the day.
2. Provide a rich simulating environment for the children to enhance their development.
3. Provide a caring and supportive environment to nurture their social, moral and emotional development
4. Provide an nutritive mid-day meal and ensure their physical growth
5. Support and educate parents in parenting skills and in ensuring protection for their children.

All the nine Centres run by the Council have continued to be shut due to COVID19 pandemic restrictions. As part of pandemic relief work, we provided dry rations, provisions for the families of 50 children who are enrolled in the two crèches in Shenoy Nagar and Malarvanam.

As was resolved in the previous year, we have closed the 5 Creches in Chemmencherry.

HOME FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE & PROTECTION

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 children, Chennai

FUNDING PARTNER Department of Social Defense, Government of Tamil Nadu, through grant-in aid under ICPS.

BACKGROUND:

The Council provides residential care facility for boys in need of Care and Protection. Homes have been established, in Chennai, Kilambakkam (Thiruvallur Dist.) and Thanjavur.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide a family like atmosphere and age appropriate care to the Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP).
- 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-reliance in children.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- A Residential Centre for Children in Need of Care and Protection.
- Provide opportunity for Education
- Provide children with opportunities for their holistic development through co-curricular activities such as art competitions, theatre, etc.
- The Thanjavur District Council is running a Boys’ Home with a total strength of 58 Destitute Boys. The District Collector is the President of the District Council. The activities are being monitored by a Special Committee with Mr. Raghuram as the Secretary.

Sl. No	Particulars	No. of Children
1	CNCP Children in the Home in Chennai	35
2	Hearing & Speech Impaired Children in Chennai	1
3	CNCP Children in the Home in Kilambakkam	21
4	CNCP Children in the Home in Thanjavur	45

The Class IX,X, XI and XII Board examinations were cancelled by the State Board due to the COVID 19 pandemic and all pass was declared.

Sl. No	Particulars	Children completed	
		X Std	XII Std
1	CNCP Children in the Home in Chennai	3	-
2	CNCP Children in the Home in Kilambakkam	5	-
3	CNCP Children in the Home in Thanjavur	13	1

Sl. No	Particulars	Children	
		Discharged	New Admission
1	CNCP Children in the Home in Chennai	1	8
2	CNCP Children in the Home in Kilambakkam	3	3
3	CNCP Children in the Home in Thanjavur	5	4

The Monthly Report, ICPS MIS Form and financial statements of the Homes are regularly being submitted to the concerned DCPO’s office. The Individual Care Plan for each child is maintained in the Homes.

Special Events

- The Volunteers of (MAD) Make a Difference and Bhumi are regularly taking classes for children.
- The team of volunteers from the ENNAM Trust actively engaged with the main motto of making the environment green by planting trees. The team did creative wall paintings and planted plants in the campus, provided food for children and donated T.shirts

- Inner Wheel Club of Madras South gave Diwali dresses and sweets for the children.
- Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanthi, Teacher's Day, Republic Day, Children's Day and all important festivals were celebrated

'SWACHHTA HI SEWA' IMPLEMENTATION

We implemented the 'Swachhta Hi Sewa' activities as instructed by the Department of Social Defence.

1. Provision of clean drinking water and cleaning of storage tanks
2. Swachhta message through wall painting at all Child Care Institutions
3. Activities on personal hygiene of children and staff in Child Care Institution such as Trimming nails, Washing hands, cleaning of wardrobes etc.
4. Group discussion on Health, Hygiene and cleanliness for children and staff of Children Care Institution
5. Flim show, Poem competition on Health and sanitation
6. Art and Craft activity with children on "Best out of Waste"
7. Inspection of cleaning of rooms, toilets, food, clothing etc. by Children's Committee.



The children were happy to be part of this campaign. All the children were given gifts as encouragement.

Birthday Wishes for the Children

Children's birthdays are being celebrated in the Children's homes. There is cake and a set of new clothes, and all the children greet the birthday boy. We are building happy memories for the children.



- Child D. Diwakar studying in 12th standard, participated in the Kaikottikali Dance at state level competition on 01/12/2020 and was selected for and participated at the National level competition too.
- The National Youth Day is celebrated to mark the Birthday of Swami Vivekananda on the 12th of January every year. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports conducts competitions among students to develop their individual skills. 15 students participated in the Painting, Group dance and Group Drama competitions and got prizes at the District level.
- On the same day Folk group dance competition was conducted on a Virtual/Hybrid mode. Our children participated in the State level group folk dance competition and got first place and were selected for participation at the National level competition.
- The children participated in the Pongal celebrations at Vallpakudi Village, Tanjore District. The program was organized by Tamil Nadu Tourism Department.
- One of our home child B. Manivasagam participated in the yoga competition and got first prize in District level competition conducted by District Integrated School Education (Intermediate) Yoga Olympiad.





CHILDLINE 1098

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: Chennai– 1999, Cuddalore – 2005
NO. OF INTERVENTIONS: Chennai- **317** Cuddalore- 416
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 for the running of CHILDLINE Centres across various States of India.

CHILDLINE currently functions in 366 cities across 34 states / UTs in India, with the aim of providing children in need with relief and rehabilitation in the space of shelter, medical aid, repatriation, rescue, emotional support and guidance. CHILDLINE collaborates with Police, 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 a '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 the Tsunami in the year 2005. It is managed by the District Council of Cuddalore.

No. of Beneficiaries – 2020-2021

Chennai – 317 Children
Cuddalore – 416 Children

Calls Particulars	Chennai	Cuddalore
A. INTERVENTION CALLS		
Medical assistance	1	2
Shelter	85	33
Restoration	20	40
Rescue from abuse	127	274
Emotional support and Guidance	45	46
Missing Children I & II	10	16
Referred by other Child Line	0	1
Sponsorship	0	4
Information and referral services	29	0
Intervention Calls – Total	317	416
B. Non- Intervention Call – Total	145	4
Grand Total	462	420

Issues Based Intervention

Issues	Chennai	Cuddalore
Prevention of Child Marriage	13	164
Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse	24	17
Child Labour	26	16
Child United with family	20	0
Child Beggary	19	39
Corporal Punishment	0	0
Physical Abuse	23	33
Children Involved in polysubstance abuse	0	0
Abandoned Children	4	5
Child Missing	8	5
Parents seeking help	2	11
Nutrition support (Covid-19)	61	

Childline Chennai & Cuddalore were actively involved in the ‘Childline Se Dosti’ Programme

Chennai	Cuddalore
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Due to COVID the Programme was not conducted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School Awareness ➤ Raksha Bhandan ➤ Painting Competition and Children’s Day Celebrated at Annai Sathya Home, Cuddalore ➤ Special Open House, Sangalikuppam Village



Child S is a 16 year old girl child from a village in Cuddalore. The child was to be married. This call came through a concerned adult. The District Social Welfare Officer intervened to stop the marriage but the family did not cooperate. The child was rescued and produced before the CWC for temporary care. The parents were counselled and sensitized on the demerits of child marriage and they signed a mutual agreement. The parents approached for restoration but the child refused to go with her parents. She was willing to stay in a CCI and continue her education.

MOTHER AND CHILD WELFARE PROJECT AT USILAMPATTI

YEAR OF STARTING - 1987

BACKGROUND

Indian Council for Child Welfare, Tamil Nadu initiated its fight against the practice of Female Infanticide in the year 1988 with a small grant from National Children's Fund. Starting with the 10 hamlets in the Usilampatti area, the Project was eventually expanded to cover 309 villages of Usilampatti Taluk. The focus was prevention of female infanticide through various means to save girl children during the initial years,. We are happy to report that after 2001, there has not been a single case of female infanticide reported in the 309 villages. The Project evolved to include a creation of a Federation of Women's Self-help groups, Sponsorship support for Girl children, and establishment of a Community College to enhance skill training among young adolescents in 2010.

PROGRAMMES

School Health Programme:

Menstruation and menstrual practices still face many social, cultural, and religious restrictions which are a big barrier in the path of menstrual hygiene management. In many parts of the country especially in rural areas girls are not prepared and aware about menstruation so they face many difficulties and challenges at home, schools, and work places. To overcome this problem ICCW Vasantham Community College Nursing staff and students conducted School Health Program for 250 girls studying plus two from 5 Higher Secondary Schools from Usilampatti block and Sedapatti block with the following objectives:

- To maintain the menstruation with dignity.
- To assess the knowledge towards menstruation.
- To assess the hygiene practices and to avoid reproductive tract infection.
- Make aware about child hood marriage and its consequences.
- To avoid confusions and boost their self-esteem.

Awareness was created through Health Educational classes, Group discussion, PPT presentation and skit on the following topics: Changes during puberty such as physical, emotional and social changes, Female reproductive system, Menstrual cycle and menstrual hygiene and Early Child marriage its causes and effects.

ICCW TN Usilampatti Project – Revitalization:

ICCW TN Usilampatti Project has reached stage where it requires to be revitalized in terms of its program intervention, delivery and sustainability. Human and finance resources acquisition and maintenance, and organizational ability and scaling up of its mission. To do this exercise Mr.Manuel, Consultant, International NGO Development Agency Madurai, was invited for a discussion. The discussion was focused on a complete review of ICCW TN Usilampatti programmes, its historical perspective in line with the current context, the present challenges and future aspirations. Subsequently a revitalization strategy for ICCW TN at Madurai along with an interim plan highlighting areas that need to be focused on, and strategies that need to be applied were prepared.

STATISTICS

Students studying in the Community College	75
Students enrolled School Health Programme	250



VELLORE DISTRICT COUNCIL

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT :1985

Introduction

The task of removing children from beedi rolling work in Vellore was initiated in the year 1988. Although employment of children in Beedi rolling was banned by the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, the hazardous practice of employing children for rolling beedis continued in the Community.

The main thrust of our Project was to abolish this system in 16 selected villages. **As a result of our work, 108 bonded children were released from Beedi rolling and 2457 working children were mainstreamed into regular schools.** This was made possible by our intense campaigning, the availability of support services and strengthening of Government monitoring.

After 2005, our work continued in the direction of forming women into self-help groups to sustain our achievements of Child Labour free villages through Village Education Development Committees formed by the Council.

At present, the District Council Runs

1. Day Care Centres for Pre School Children in the low income areas with local and District Funds. This year the creche programme remained closed due to COVID19 pandemic restrictions.
2. Skill Development Centre for young adolescent children - Tailoring.

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Breast Feeding Day at Tharapadavedu Primary Health Centre, Katpadi	25 pregnant women
Legal Awareness Programme	72 women self-help group members
Children's Day Celebration at Senur Village, C Gopal Memorial Night School	75 Children
Christmas Celebrations at Senur CSI Church	55 Children
Environment Awareness programme on Sanitation and rain Water Harvesting, Govt Adi Dravidar Welfare Primary School, Senur Village	27 Women Self Help Group members
International Women's Day	34 members

No.of Women Self Help Groups	Urban	70
	Rural	148
Total No. of members in WSHG	3055	
Total saving of the Women Group	Rs. 2,40,73,200/-	
Total Amount of loan availed from Indian Bank (134 Groups)	Rs. 6,93,09,000	
Vocational Training programme in Tailoring	34	
- 6 month course - 2 batches – 20		
- 3 month Course 4 Batches - 14		



ACTION PROGRAMME ON PREVENTION OF CHILD LABOUR IN MATCH INDUSTRY AT SRIVILLIPUTTUR

History / Background :

The Action Programme on Child Labour, was started in the year 1992 in 121 villages in Srivilliputhur Block, Virudhunagar District. Exploitative child labour was a harsh reality in the region in the Match and Fire Works Industry. The Industry was dependent on a work force of children. It was a big challenge to change the mind-set of employers, employees and their parents. The Programme made great strides in creating awareness and in reducing the number of child labourers in the entire Block. The project was started with the support of ILO and later was funded till 2005 by Aide et Action, a France based Funding Organisation. Since the employment of children below 14 years was reduced to a considerable extent in the Match Industry, we now focus on Vocational Training and Higher Education for children. A Community College was started in 2008 with support from CIAI, Italy. 392 students benefitted under the programme. No students were enrolled this year in the Community College.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES/ SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

A movement to enable adolescent Youth to become employable Adults

BACKGROUND

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

The Council runs two Community Colleges–

- Vasantham Community College, Usilampatti
- Sudar Community College, Srivilliputhur

ICCW-VASANTHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, USILAMPATTI, MADURAI DT

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 2010

COURSES OFFERED

- Diploma in First Aid and Patient Care.
- Diploma in Computer Hardware Servicing
- Diploma in Desk Top Publishing
- Diploma in Fashion Designing and Garment Making



During this academic year 73 students studied in the college.

Diploma in First Aid and Patient Care – First year	39
Diploma in First Aid and Patient care - 2nd year.	31
Diploma in DTP	1
Diploma in Fashion design and Garments Making	2



- 28 Students completed their course “Diploma in First Aid and Patient care” in ICCW TN – Vasantham Community College (2018-2020) and 20 of the students got distinction. 25 of them were placed in different Hospital Settings in and around Madurai District.
- Two Students from Diploma in DTP and Five students from Diploma in DFGM successfully completed their courses.
- The Students of Diploma in First Aid and Patient care underwent Training in various Hospitals in Usilampatti, Madurai and Theni.
- The Students had exposure Visit to Aavin Milk Unit and celebrated Women’s Day at Vaigai Dam



A new extension Centre for Diploma in First Aid and Patient Care was started in Elumalai with 14 students during the year.

ICCW SUDER COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SRIVILLIPUTHUR, VIRUDHUNAGAR DT

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 2008

COURSES OFFERED:

- Diploma in Computer Hardware Servicing
- Diploma in Fashion Designing and Garment Making- Short term courses offered

Due to difficulties in funding, no students were admitted this year in the Community College. However short term Trainings on Computer and Tailoring are being conducted.

We thank the **Rotary Club of Chennai** Beehives for their generous donation of Stanitizer stand , Sanitizers and Masks for the Children

Our thanks are due to **PSA International** for the following
A Borewell with motor to ensure adequate water availability for the Shenoy Nagar campus.
Weather proofing the roof and addressing the problem of seepage
Raising the height of the sanitation chamber.
Painting the walls of the Dormitory, Study hall and Office

RESOURCE CENTRE FOR GIRL CHILDREN AT MALARVANAM

❖ YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT:	Jan 2018
❖ NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENROLLED:	30
FUNDING PARTNER	Cholamandalam Finance Ltd. Chennai

Objective

The broad objective of the project is to ensure empowerment of girl children to overcome socio-economic barriers and to prepare them to face the world with confidence. .

Services:-

1. Evening Tuition Classes to provide individual coaching and facilitate their completing at least 10 years of formal schooling
2. Computer literacy classes.
3. Classes in Spoken English.
4. Training in Self-Defence and Creative Recreation.
5. Training programmes on Life Skills with focus on Health, Personal (Menstrual) Hygiene, and Strategies for protecting oneself from sexual abuse.

The Resource Centre has remained shut through the year due to the pandemic restrictions.

The 30 children in the Centre were given Dry rations. This contribution was given by Make a Difference

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMMES

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 1976
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN 2020-2021 : 114
FUNDING PARTNERS US Tamil Sangam
Espoir En Parriage – Belgium,
Ms Soni Gurnani,
Debby and Lidwein, Holland,
Generous 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 Institutionalisation and enables children to receive care even as they continue 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 enables them to live with their own families and continue their education. Special preferences are given to physically challenged children and girl children.

Methodology and Monitoring

- The Selection process is done through referrals from Schools, NGOs and well-wishers.
- A close contact is maintained with the sponsors and the children are encouraged to correspond with their sponsors through the Council. Periodic reports about the child are sent to the sponsors.
- The Social Worker acts as a liaison between the sponsor and the child. She works with the whole family and monitors the child's progress.
- The Social Worker visits the child twice a year to ensure that the sponsorship money is judiciously spent.
- A case file is maintained for every sponsored child.
- Career guidance is offered to the children as they finish schooling.
- The sponsorship money received is deposited in child's bank account with the parent as the guardian.

Details of Sponsors	
Individual from India and Abroad	69
Ms.Debby and Jansen, Holland	07
Espoir Belgium	07
Ms.Soni Gurnani	11
Mr.Siddarth Srinivasan	10
Mrs.Vijayalakshmi,	10
Total	114

AMRITHAVARSHINI SCHOLARSHIP

This was the result of an intervention undertaken by the Council immediately after the Tsunami. Sothikuppam was one of the badly affected villages. We found that children from this village could not continue to higher education. Therefore this sponsorship was introduced by the Council to support such children's higher studies for either Vocational Training or Colleges. The interesting fact is that the amount for this project was raised from the efforts of two teenaged school girls who went around seeking donations immediately after the tsunami. The donation amount along with the interest, is being utilized every year. This year 5 Children received sponsorship.

We received a call for help from a college for a young woman in the final year of their MSW programme.

She had lost her father recently and was unable to pay the fees. The part time work that she was doing to supplement the daily wages earned by her mother, a sick person herself, were not enough to meet the living expenses. It would mean that she would not be able to appear for the final exams. The Council helped the young woman to pay the fees and write her final exams. She did us proud by passing her exams with distinction. This support was offered by US Tamil Sangam Indiana.

*“My educational pursuits would not have been possible without your generous scholarship.
Thanks for enabling me to reach my fullest personal and professional potential”*

SPONSORSHIP FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

This Project was initiated at the time when COVID 19 was at its peak and families were affected by loss of livelihoods and passing away of their loved ones. Continuing education beyond the school level was certainly going to be hit. The Council devised a project to help children who needed support to continue education. The children were provided counselling and financial support to enable them to join colleges of their choice.

Children from two schools each at Anna Nagar and Vyasarpadi were identified with the help of the school heads. The children were counseled to continue their higher studies.

Almost 150 Children from the Chennai Higher Secondary Schools at Pulla Avenue, Subbarayan Street and Vyasarpadi benefitted hugely from this intervention.

SANKALP – EDUCATION FOR GIRL CHILDREN

1. Scholarship for College students

A total of 39 children received assistance under the Girl Children Project. Of the 39 girls, 13 school going and 26 colleges going students benefitted through this programme

2. Kanan Verma Scholarship - Scholarship for students of Social Work:

For Kannan Verma Scholarship to identify deserving social work students, letters was sent to three Colleges (MGC, MSSW, and Stella Marys). Received 5 deserving students details form MGC and MSSW.

3. Project to provide Sanitary Napkins to the inmates of the Government Girl's Home, Kellys run by the Department of Social Defence. :

The children in 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. As part of our project, we have been providing Sanitary napkins for all the adolescent girls in this home for the past four years. More than 500 girls have been benefited by this project. We acknowledge the kind support of Interface, Chennai.

INFORMATION DOCUMENTATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT: 1993

FUNDING PARTNER Multiple sources

BACKGROUND:

The Center was started in 1993, to fulfill the need for a center for information on children's issues. The Center has a library with a rich collection of books, documents, reports, Government Orders, articles and Newspaper clippings on all matters relating to child welfare.

OBJECTIVES

- To compile, document and disseminate information on all areas of child rights and development in India, particularly Tamil Nadu.
- To initiate and sustain advocacy programmes for promoting Child Rights Awareness
- To offer Training and Capacity Building to Students of Social Work and other Allied Courses

Activities

- Orientation on the activities of the Council was given to 3 Colleges of Social Work
- Hard copies of Newspaper clippings on various child related issues collected and documented.
- We supervised and monitored 30 students from various city colleges towards their concurrent field work and Block Placement. The IDRC guided the students in applying their theoretical knowledge to practice. We also helped in developing their skills to better their understanding of concepts applicable to their field of Social Work.
- IDRC helped students to fulfill the tasks required for their coursework. Students submitted weekly and annual reports of their work. An evaluation was done for all the students at the end of the fieldwork and marks submitted to their respective colleges.

ADOPTION SCRUTINY

YEAR OF COMMENCEMENT : 1985
SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED in 2020-2021 : 4

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.

- ICCW-TN 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 2020 to March 2021 - 4

Details of Scrutiny for April 2020- Maech 2021

Adoption Details	Gender Male/Female	Special Needs/ Handicapped	Infants Normal elder siblings	Total
In Country	4	-	-	4
Inter Country	-	-	-	-

Adoption

Placement Agency	Inter-Country	In-Country
Balamandir Kamaraj Trust	Nil	4

ASIAN ONLINE RESOURCE CENTRE FOR PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT : September 2014

45,700 people have visited the site so far.

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. With the collaboration, with ISPCAN, the Council set up Asian Online Resource Centre. We created an online resource portal called, 'Asian Online Resource Center.'

This website aims to provide general as well as Country specific guidelines and other resource materials for the benefit of stakeholders. Medical/ Legal / Social Work Professionals, Law Enforcement Authorities and Judiciary of respective countries who deal with cases of child abuse & neglect can benefit from accessing the website. Materials are available to educate teachers, parents and children themselves on preventive aspects. Resource materials on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect were again updated and uploaded in our site for 26 Asian countries.

INITIATIVES IN COLLABORATION WITH UNICEF & GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Foster Care Model Project in Tiruvannamalai District, TN

Social and behavioural acceptance on foster care

- a. Placement of children in foster care - Identifying prospective foster parents has become a challenge due to lack of awareness about foster care. We identified two prospective parents but due to a lack of understanding of the issues, the placement has not been possible.
- b. Stake holders' meeting - The first stakeholders' meeting couldn't be done as planned due to Covid. The reintegration officers met the key stakeholders, the CWC members and DCPU officers individually and educated about the project and about foster care.
 - Short orientation meeting with all Protection Officers Non-Institutional Care at Tamil Nadu was conducted through webinar. They were oriented on their role and importance of reintegration and foster care.
 - A social network group has been formed as a platform for to discuss their experiences.Knowledge/awareness products on foster care to educate the CCI and children –
 - Six newsletters have been produced. The themes were mainly “Preventive Measures to Control the Spread of Covid, Identification of Earlier Symptoms of Covid and Related Issues, Importance of Nutrition and Mental Health”.
 - A short film to increase the awareness of foster care was produced.
- c. Tool for VLCPC training –
We have developed a training manual for VLCPC on Foster care..

Enhanced systems to protect the CCI children from Covid 19 and exploring the possibilities of reintegration

- a. Protocol towards preparedness of CCI on the return of children to CCI during Covid 19 - We have prepared a protocol to be followed to ensure the safety of the children in CCI, keeping in mind the opening of schools and children returning to CCI from the care of their parents / guardians.. Once the document is ready will be shared with DSD before the return of children.
- b. Improved standards by CCI to protect children from Covid - Self-Monitoring tool for CCI and other stakeholder to improve the standards for better protection of children in CCI from Covid is prepared in both English and Tamil.
- c. Voices of Children: Perceptions of CCI children on institutionalisation and Family Care –
Two CCIs -St. Joseph Orphanage Home and Nirmala Girls Home - were selected and 20 children (16 boys and 4 girls) participated in this exercise. Key stakeholders such as CCI management and staff, Child Welfare Committee members, District Child Protection Unit officials, and parents of institutionalized children, voiced their views and concerns on institutional care, reintegration, and foster care. They were recorded.
- d. Position paper on sustainable reintegration - First draft of Position Paper was completed.

The three books on “JJ Act, Child Protection and the FAQ on Adoption and Foster Care have been well received by the Dept. of Social Defense. They have raised a request to UNICEF for 500 copies of these books.

The following documents and reports were published during this year..

S. No	Detail of the document
1	Process Document
2	Voices of Children
3	Tools for Foster Care Placement
4	Suggested safety practices for CCI
5	POCSO study
6	Process Indicator
7	New VLCPC Trainer's Guide
8	Best Practices Study
9	Newsletter
10	Lessons learnt

PUBLICATIONS OF THE COUNCIL...

- Book on Child Protection (2020)
- FAQ on foster care (2020)
- FAQ on Adoption (2020)
- Guidebook on JJB and CWC (2020)
- Determinants of Child Marriage in Tamil Nadu – Documentation on Child Marriage Cases in 2017 (2018)
- Resource Book on Adoption (2018)
- Resource Book on Foster Care (2018)
- Trainers’ Manual for Village level Child Protection Committees
- Child And Law in India in English (Revised)
- Vendam Kuzhanthaikal Thirumanam – A Training Manual on Prevention of Child Marriage
- Resource Book on Child Abuse
- Booklet on Village Level Watchdog Committee
- Saving The Girl Child – Process Document
- Saving The Girl Child – A Strategies Manual
- Handbook on Child Adoption in India Revised
- Child And Law in India in Tamil
- My Rights - Tamil
- My Protection Rights
- Un kathai (My Story)
- Directory of Child Care Organisations in the State of Tamil Nadu & the Union Territory of Pondicherry
- Children of Tamil Nadu And The State Budget - An analysis 1998 – 2003. ,A Summary 1998 – 2004
- Kuzhandayin Urimaigal – Tamil
- Training Manual on Child Rights - Tamil
- Protection Rights – A Trainers Training Manual - Tamil
- We and our Children- Tamil
- 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
- A Report of the Consultations with Children in Tamil Nadu.

CASSETTES/ CDs/ VIDEO

- A short film on Foster Care
- A Short Documentary on Parvathiyin Kathai (2018)
- A Short Documentary on Importance of Education (2018)
- Kuzhanthaikalai Kondaduvom (CD) (2016)
- Pappa Pattukkal – for Pre- school children
- Vanga Padalam – for Non Formal Educational Classes - Part I & II
- Thalattu – Lullabies in Tamil

RESEARCH

- Socio-Demographic Profile of Institutionalised Children in Tamil Nadu
- Early Childhood Care and Development
- 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.

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