

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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Annual Report for the Year 2022-2023

Introduction:

Village Development Centre shortly known as VDC was established in the year 1984. Since its inception it has been mobilizing and involving thousands of poor and making them aware, bringing them together, motivating to get empowered. We have succeeded in our endeavors through our planned interventions. Indeed, “VDC” is a catchy word for many households in the project area. VDC works with children, women, unorganized labourers, small and marginal farmers, landless agricultural labourers, tribal, widows and destitute women and greeting its partners whose cooperation is lot in its endeavour for the underprivileged and marginalized. We have rooted with community, long-standing association and constructive relationship with our partner communities.

Legal Entity:

- VDC Society Registration No: 94/1984 dated 29th December 1984.
- VDC - IT Unique Identification No for 12A: AAATV0152CE19942,
- VDC - IT Unique Identification No for 80G: AAATV0152CF20211
- VDC's Income Tax Permanent Account :AAATV0152C
- VDC – FCRA Registered number No: 076040142 dated 14th October 1992.
- VDC Darpan Number: TN/2017/0164668
- VDC TAN number: CHEV21503G
- CSR registration:

Vision:

“Establishment of sustainable social order with equality and justice for eco friendly life”

Project Area:

State : Tamilnadu,

District : Tiruchirappalli,

Blocks : Mannachanallur, Musiri, Turaiyur & Lalgudi, blocks in Tiruchirappalli

Population : 10,000 families

Activities and achievements for the year 2022-2023:

I. Foreign Contribution Projects:

Give2Asia supported INR 6,02,117 (\$7342) for three projects namely, back to school program, covid 19 relief activities and skill training in door mat weaving. Let us see the project activities and its impacts in more details.

1. Project of Give2Asia: Back to school program:

We received \$ 3375 for this project. Actually this project was started in 1st September 2019 and ended 31st March 2020. Now the funds received are utilized for additional training for children, pending payment of Child Learning Centre's (CLC) rent and pending honorarium to the CLC teachers. Pending

The implemented project activities:

VDC conducted 7 Child Learning Centers (CLC) in 7 villages namely, Konalai, Kalpalayam, Inam Kalpalayam, Thillampatti, Solanganallur, Manachanallur and Keelapatti in Manachanallur block, Tiruhirappalli district. We provided teaching aids, play materials, writing boards, chart papers, crosswords, cross number buzzles, playing cards, markers, toys, snakes and ladders, etc. The children provided with learning materials including books, notebooks, pen, pencil, eraser, scale, geometry box, etc. Out of 167 students 95 are girls. We conducted the CLC from 5 O' Clock to 7 O' Clock in the evening. We have conducted 7 Children's Club and oriented the children about on the issues child labour, child marriage, child trafficking, dropout, illiteracy, migration, child abuse, child rights violations, environmental degradation, ecological imbalance, global warming, inadequate health care systems, lack of accessibility to education and poverty.

Successful of planned goals:

167 slow learners and first generation learners are continuing the school education, prevented school dropouts and enhanced school enrollment and enhanced life coping skills. 167 children are now able to read and write English, Mathematics and Science with improved academic performance. Girls are prevented from early marriage. Motivation given to the parents helped the children to access support from the families for continuing education.

2. Project of Give2Asia: Covid 19 Relief activities:

We received \$ 3456 for this project and utilized the funds for 155 covid 19 victim families and provided dry food materials, vegetables and provisions. The project was started in 1/1/2023 and Ended in 28/02/2023. The funds utilized for purchase of rice, provisions (groceries), vegetables and transportation.

The implemented project activities:

We distributed the benefits for 155 covid 19 victim families, one bag cooking rice (25 kg), groceries worth Rs. 350 and vegetables worth Rs. 250. There are many victims in the project area and our volunteers selected the very needy people. We distributed the benefits at their door steps. The benefited villages are Manpidimangalam, Thiruvasi, Manachanallur, Kattanampatty and Melasedevimangalam.



Successful of planned goals:

155 covid 19 victims got food support for a month and prevented from the starvation at their family. Time being, they are prevented from debt bondage. Children and elders get good food.

3. Project of Give2Asia: Door mat weaving training.



Three women from 3 villages namely, Kalpalayam, Manachanallur and Meelasedevimangalam got training on door mat production and got a door mat weaving machine after the training at free of cost with the donor support. They got 12 days intensive training at Kalpalayam village. The beneficiaries established the door mat weaving machines at their home and

started to work and earn income. They are earning average Rs. 80 per day. They learn skills in assemble, detach and to attend the minor problems in the machine.

4. Global Youth Mobilization Project:

Empower young women to prevent women from domestic violence – Alcohol awareness camps among women and children.

Drinking alcohol has become an integral part of our culture. Drinking has become an inevitable part of any celebration, be it a funeral, a temple festival, a wedding, or even a house where a death has occurred. If he has come to the decisive decision that he will not drink, it means that he has won the fight to stop this habit. Drinking alcohol causes cirrhosis of the liver. It also causes liver cancer. When alcohol enters the stomach, the intestines are affected and gastritis occurs, causing ulcers in the intestines. It leads to cancer of the mouth, throat and oesophagus. Loss of muscle fibers occurs in the shoulders and legs. Korsakoff's syndrome leads to brain damage. Deficiency of vitamin B causes Wernike's Syndrome and inability to walk. People who drink alcohol are less susceptible to infectious diseases due to reduced immunity.



People may be severely addicted to alcohol; they may be too mentally weak to recover from it. No outsider will help you to get rid of this habit. You have to prepare yourself for it personally; you are responsible for this.



Based on the above understanding, Village Development Centre conducted eight village level awareness camps for women who are members of our women self help groups and children 11 to 16 years on the issues of alcohol consumption in four schools. More than 270 women and 350 school children were participated and benefited. It conducted 4 school level awareness camps for the students in which more than 350 children at the age group of 11 to 16 were participated. Mrs. S.Padma, Director, Vasantham Pengal Sangam, MSW, Mr. Prabu, MSW, Member, District Child Rights Protection Committee, the school head master and

teachers were participated as resources persons. We distributed the pamphlets to the students and also distributed prizes for best speech on alcohol.

The trained women and children are now often speaking with their family members on the evils of alcohol. The drinkers at the home are now feel very shy to hear the advice of their children. In some families the habit is reduced and shared the truth at our women group meeting.

Local Contribution Projects:

1. Project of NABFINS Ltd - Direct Credit linkage to SHGs:

VDC is a Business Correspondent (BC) in NABFINS Ltd, Bangaluru a subsidy wing of NABARD, Government of India. It has credible partnership more than a decade. NABFINS Ltd is providing micro credit directly to the women self help group members promoted by NGOs. It loan has some rating process. NABFINS Ltd is lending to the group members directly under their terms and conditions. As a business correspondent, VDC linked its women self help groups to avail credit from NABFINS Ltd. We have credible and cordial partnership with NABFINS Ltd. Once the rating processes are completed, they release the loan amount directly to the member's bank account.

During the reporting period we stopped the credit linkage due to increase in interest rate of NABFINS Ltd. People are also afraid of high rate of interest. They offer credit bellow 15% pa interest. If the policy changes on interest, then we will continue the credit linkage with NABFINS Ltd.

2. RMK - Micro Credit for Income Generation Activities:

Rastriya Mahila Kosh –RMK a wing of Women and Child Department, Government of India undertaking extended credit support to VDC. We supported micro credit to women SHG to establish their micro enterprises for self-employment and income generation. During the reporting period we are not paid any new loan to women groups and the amount collected totally repaid to RMK. During this reporting period, VDC repaid Rs. 17,01,000 to RMK. Many borrowers are migrated during the Covid 19 and we can't able to trace out their residence. Moreover people are unable to pay the loan and interest and hence we appeal the RMK for an alternative solution. Hope they will consider our appeal.

3. Self help group members training on self management practice:

VDC is involving in conducting training for new group members is a regular process in VDC. During the reporting period, VDC has been conducted 3 training programs on SHG Management for the members and representatives of the SHGs. We utilized the services of our staff and volunteers to train the members. We trained them on book keeping, financial management, access bank credit, regulating the internal loan, participation in the SHG meetings, ensuring the participation in the grama sabha meetings. The trainer gave some practical exercise at the training to write the minutes, savings ledger, loan ledger, general note, cash book, individual pass book etc. All the three training program contents are same and this training helped the Animators, Representatives and Members to write their group records on their own.

VDC is conducting such type of training program regularly to the women leaders. This helps the women to manage their accounts and records on their own. Their main grievances are home and employment opportunity skills. We are trying donation for their requirements.

Health education for adolescent girls: Hand wash

We are concentrating on the health issues of children, adolescents and women. Covid 19 gave a good lesson on the importance of hand wash, face mask and social distance. Still the threats are continuing. VDC has been organized a training program on “*handwash*” at Manachanallur and Thillampatti villages. Average 40 adolescents and women were participated. The main objective of this training was to promote health and hygiene habits among the adolescents and women. Mrs. Padma, Project Director, VPS explained the importance of hand wash at regular interval every day. She stresses the women and adolescents to use the hand wash soaps and sanitizers before food and toilets. She demonstrated how to wash our hands with sanitizers. We distributed sample hand wash sanitizers and soaps to the participants.

4. Training on organic farming for farmers:

Agriculture plays a major role in providing employment to the rural people. Due to destruction of traditional farming, we lose our soil fertility. Very late we realize the situation and now some farmers are practicing the traditional farming system. The usage of chemical fertilizers leads the lands unfertile in long time and poison the food and soil. It is also costly farming for which we have to pay money for every activity like fertilizers and pest controls. To equip the farmers in our working area, VDC organized training on organic farming cultivation in which 33 farmers were participated at Keelapatty Village

Farmers from 2 villages were participated. Mr. Anana Nayanar, Agriculture Consultant, Lalgudi explained the preparation of farm compost, vermi compost, organic pest replants, water conservation methods, energy management, bio-diversity, seed protection, promoting indigenous seed bank etc. This training program helped the farmers to get good insight on importance of organic farming.

5. Training on waste recycling:

We conducted one day training on waste recycling on paper. We gave training for 16 women how to reuse the paper. We trained them on making paper bags, paper pots, small cups and other materials from the waste paper.

6. Networking Activities:

VDC have membership with the following credible networks.

TamilNadu Voluntary Health Association	- TNVHA
Tribal Association for Fifth Schedule Initiatives	- TAFSI
Association for Self Development Initiatives	- ASDI
Campaign Against Child Labour	- CACL
Credibility Alliance	- CA
Guide Star India	- GSN No: 512

7. National and International Travel:

There is no any national or international travel by the board members, staff and volunteers of VDC.

8. VDC Board Meetings:

- The minutes of the meetings are recorded, read, approved and circulated to all the board members.
- The board approved the programs, budget, annual activity report and audited financial statements of accounts.
- No remuneration or salary is paid to the board members. Only TA and DA paid for their participation in the board meetings,
- The Secretary of the VDC has been continuing as the Project Director of VDC and paid consolidated travel to coordinate the various project activities of VDC, and no Honorarium or Salary paid to him,

9. Honorarium & benefits to staff

	Rs. Per month	Male	Female	Total
Less than	Rs. 3,000	0	2	2
Rs. 3,000 – Rs	5,000	0	1	1
Rs. 5,000 – Rs	10,000	0	2	2
Total		0	5	5

10. Auditor:

Mr. S. Kalaimani, Chartered Accountant (M. N. 019199), Tiruchirappalli has been appointed as Auditor for next three year ie up to 2026. The accounts of the organisation are constructed on “Cash Basis”.

Our Bankers:

We are thanks to our bankers Bank of Baroda, State Bank of India, Mannachanallur and New Delhi (Main branch – FCRA), Canara Bank, Thirupanjeeli and ICICI Bank, Trichy for their kind cooperation.

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Signature

Date: / 09 / 2023

Place : Mannachanallur

K. R. Raju, Secretary, VDC