

Annual Report



2016 -2017



ARUNODHAYA
Centre for Street and Working Children

Vision

A just society in which every child enjoys childhood assured of his / her rights with dignity and happiness

Mission

Build a social movement that will uproot all forms of exploitation and oppression of children and promote and protect the basic human rights of children enabling them to enjoy a dignified childhood. effect policy changes and ensure social justice through research, documentation, campaign, networking, advocacy and lobbying.

Philosophy

Arunodhaya believes that all children are born with an inherent right to justice, peace and freedom and deserve access to all fundamental human rights including education, health care, love, respect, security and protection. A nation's development depends on the development of its children. Hence protection and promotion of the rights of children should become an inherent component of all development activities.

Core values

- Ambition
- Commitment
- Integrity
- Team work and Collaboration
- Accountability/ Transparency
- Creativity

Objectives

- Create a protective environment for every child from all forms of violence, discrimination, exploitation and neglect.
- Create an environment at all levels for every child to express themselves, take decisions and participate in governance on all matters concerning them with the support of CBOs initiated by Arunodhaya.
- Create opportunities for all children to fully develop physically, mentally, gain knowledge and develop their personality.
- Ensure the rights of all children by strengthening all community based organizations for the protection of children from all forms of violations.
- Bring about changes in policies, laws and programs concerning children at local, national and international levels based on the grassroots level experiences with the participation of children.

Content

- **Right to Education**

Early childhood care centres

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- **Right to Protection**

Adolescent Awareness Counseling and Empowerment Project

Counseling and Healing Unit

CHILDLINE 1098- Tiruvallur

Railway Childline

Shelter home for children

- **Right to Participation**

Confederation of Arunodhaya children sangam

Children Nagarasabai

- **Community Child Rights Monitoring Committee**

Organising Women

Community Child Rights Monitoring Committee

Arunodhaya Pudhumai Ilaingar Iyakkam (Youth Forum)

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Education and Livelihood Support to Children and Women Affected by Flood

Awareness on the Reasons of Flood in North Chennai

People with Disability

Volunteers

RIGHT TO EDUCATION

1.1. EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE CENTRES

Early Childhood care centre reach out to children of age 3 – 5 years to enable healthy and protective early development of the child. Arunodhaya ECC centre is functioning in Athipet Irular village and Semmencherry relocation site. 49 children were enrolled in these two centers.



Children are trained in communication skills, games, general knowledge, writing skills and exercise. Nutritious food is provided for the children. Children are taught on colours, animals, plants, fruits & vegetables, flowers, leaders, hygiene practices and parts of the body in the class.

In collaboration with PHC centre medical checkup and vaccination was done for the children

Figure – 1 : Details of children in ECC

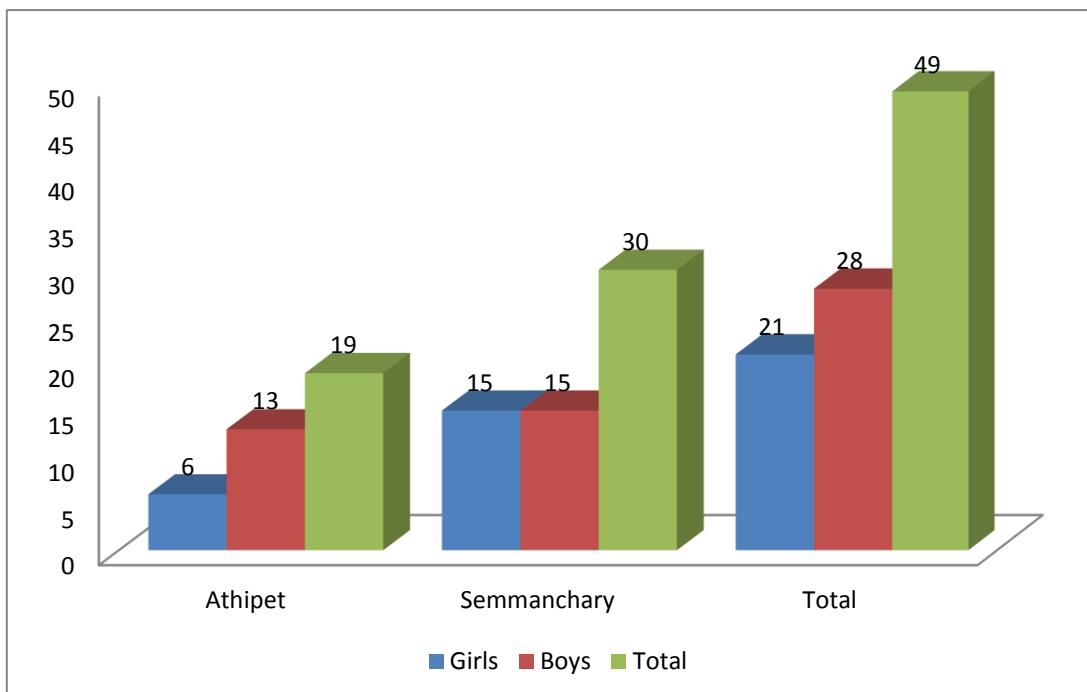
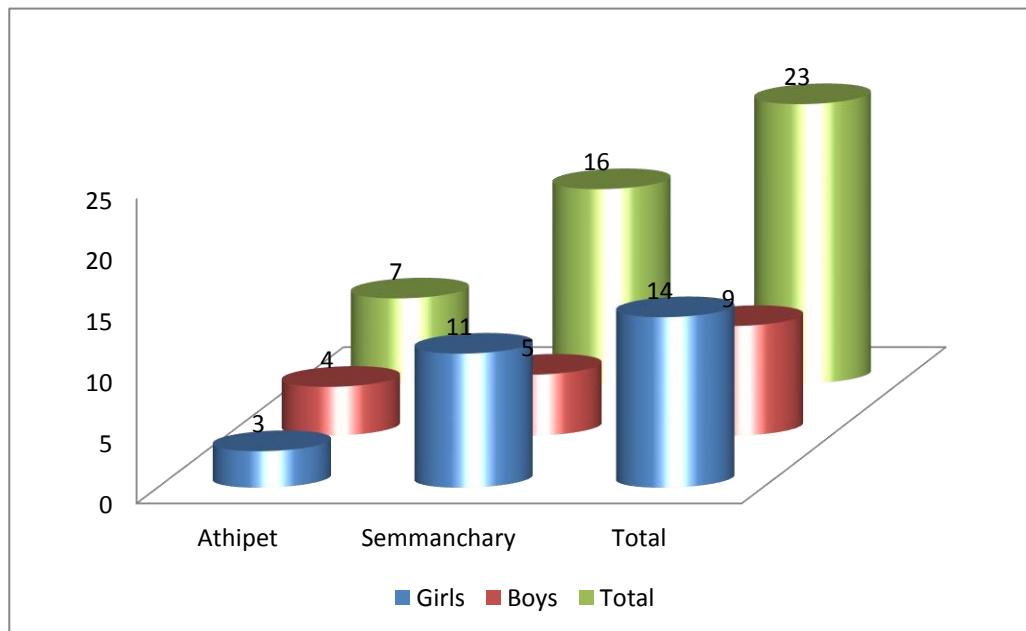


Figure – 2 : Details of Children Enrolled in School

Monthly meetings were organised for the mothers on topics related to child care, nutrition, health and hygiene, communicable diseases and importance of education.

Mothers committee has been formed to participate in ensuring effective functioning of ECC. They visit the centre regularly, involved in planning the different activities of the centre and monitor the mid day meals.

Children from ECC centre in Semmanchery enjoyed a picnic to Children's park in Guindy

Celebrations were organised to mark National days such as Independence day and Republic day and festivals such as Deepavali, Christmas, Pongal and Children's day.

ECC teachers participated in the training organised by ICCW from 9th to 13th May.

Sagar Lawyer association made a contribution for uniform and play materials

1.2. READING SKILL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (RSEP)

Reading skill enhancement programme aims at developing reading skills among children studying in Municipality schools from 1st to 5th Std. Book fairies animate sessions with children to inculcate the habit of reading and develop interest in reading. It also enhances the listening, seeing and writing skills of the children. Last year 1008 children have been part of RSEP.

RSEP Sessions

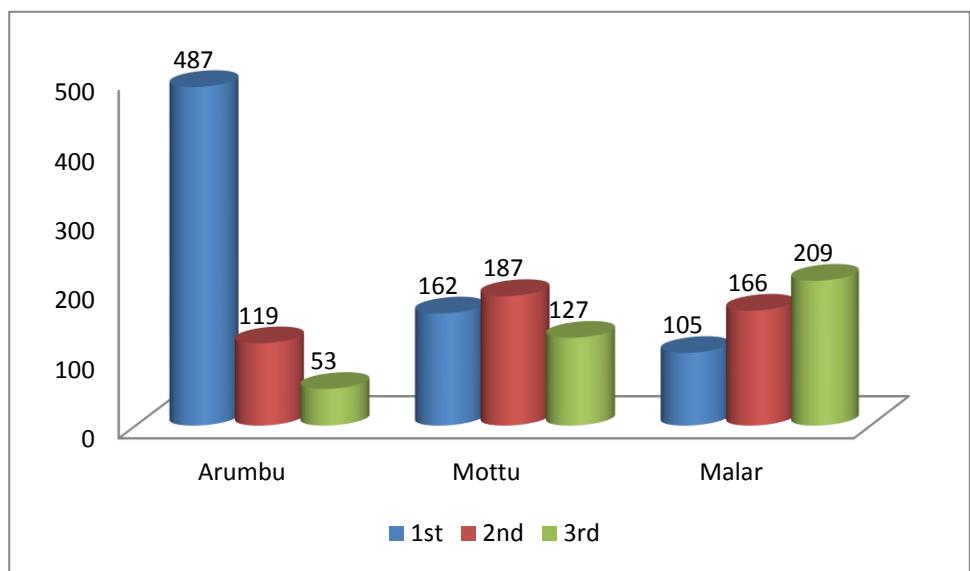
RSEP was implemented in 8 Municipal schools and in the Government observation home for boys. This year the programme was introduced in municipal schools in Athipet, Sadayankuppam (tribal areas) and in AIR site (Relocation site). The programme was withdrawn from the Government observation home for boys with effect from October 2016. The schools have given separate room for conducting RSEP sessions. Co-operation from school teachers was also very effective. Officials from the education centre (Block resource centres) appreciated the value of RSEP sessions during their visit to the schools.

Table -1 : Details of RSEP schools and children

S.No.	School	Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Chennai Primary school, Minambal nagar	88	85	173
2.	Chennai Primary school, J.J. nagar	43	45	88
3.	Chennai Primary school, M.G.R.nagar	71	89	160
4.	Chennai Primary school, Anna nagar	58	58	116
5.	Chennai Primary school, R.R. nagar	51	54	105
6.	Chennai Middle school , Air Site	46	44	90
7.	Chennai Middle school , Sadayankuppam	44	47	91
8.	Chennai Middle school, Athipet	63	63	126
9.	Govt. observation home for boys	59	-	59
	Total	523	485	1008

Assessment of the students was conducted in June'16, Oct.'16 and Feb.'17. The assessment tool prepared by Reading Skill Network (RSEN) was applied. Alphabet learners are rated as Arumbu, words learners as Mottu and sentence learners as Malar. The transition of children from one level to another is shown below

Figure – 3 : Assessment of RSEP students



Library

Libraries are functioning at Chennai schools in Minambal nagar and MGR nagar. Children who have passed out from 5th std. come to take books from the library. The RSEP sessions have inculcated the habit of reading. On an average 125 children make use of the books in both schools.

Community libraries have been organised in Minambal nagar, JJ nagar and Annanagar in Korukkupet and MGR nagar in Kodungaiyur.

Training for Book fairies

Orientation and Refresher courses were organized for the book fairies to upgrade their skills in conducting RSEP sessions. These trainings have provided an understanding on the concept of RSEP, methods of conducting sessions, learning new songs and stories, preparing education materials, relating with school teachers and parents and linking RSEP with the other interventions of Arunodhaya.

Table -2: Trainings for book fairies

Month	Content
May'16	Preparation of education materials, maintenance of record and reporting
June'16	Building rapport with school teachers and gaining their support to the programme
July'16	Orientation training organized by Reading Skill Network. concept of RSEP, methods of conducting session, songs and stories and skill of storytelling.
November'16	Linkage with other programmes of Arunodhaya such as Children sangam, Adolescent Awareness, Counseling and Empowerment project and Counseling and Healing Unit.
February' 17	Orientation organized for new book fairies at Athipet, Sadayankuppam and AIR site.

Apart from the training, literary circle is organized every Friday for the book fairies. During this time book fairies are encouraged to read books and share the content with others. This has helped in developing the habit of reading among book fairies and improved their skill of comprehension and delivery.

Summer Camp

Summer camp was held at CMS Meenambal Nagar on 25th and 26th May'16. 50 children from RSEP schools studying in 4th and 5th std. participated. Mr. Kalaivanan, Puppet show artist was the resource person. He trained the children in preparing puppets with socks and doing the puppet show. Children developed five stories and presented puppet shows at the end of the training.



As an impact of the training, the children presented puppet shows in their schools during special programmes.

Awareness programmes

Special days such as Mother tongue day, World book day, National reading day and Literacy day were used as occasions to spread awareness on the importance of reading and make the habit of reading a culture.

Children from Arunodhaya participated in the event to launch Literacy campaign organized by RSEN on 19th Sep.'16. The children had put up a stall exhibiting teaching aids and creative drawings by children. The children also presented a puppet show at the stall.

Literacy campaign was held on 16th and 17th Feb.'17 at R.R. nagar and Meenambal nagar. This programme was held in collaboration with RSEN. Through cultural event message on importance of reading was conveyed to the public. During the programme children were asked to read and badges were given to children who read well. The programme created a lot of enthusiasm among the children. The schools also appreciated the initiative.



Evaluation of RSEP session was conducted by Asmae in the month of Feb 17. Representatives from the agency Kadence visited CPS MGR nagar and CPS Meenambal nagar. They had an interaction with school teachers, book fairies, facilitators, parents and Director. Assessment of the reading level of children was also conducted by them.

1.3. ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN

Enrollment campaign was organized at Sadayankuppam, Korukkupet, Tiruvotriyur and Ennore. 500 children participated in the campaign. Parai and mime creating awareness on importance of girl child education was performed during the campaign. 52 children were identified by CACS children in the six zones and enrolled in school.



1.4. MOTIVATION AND CAREER GUIDANCE

Children studying from 9th to 12th standards participated in the motivation and career guidance session organized in the month of Feb. They were encouraged to write well in the Board exams. They were also informed of the different career opportunities and the preparations to be made.

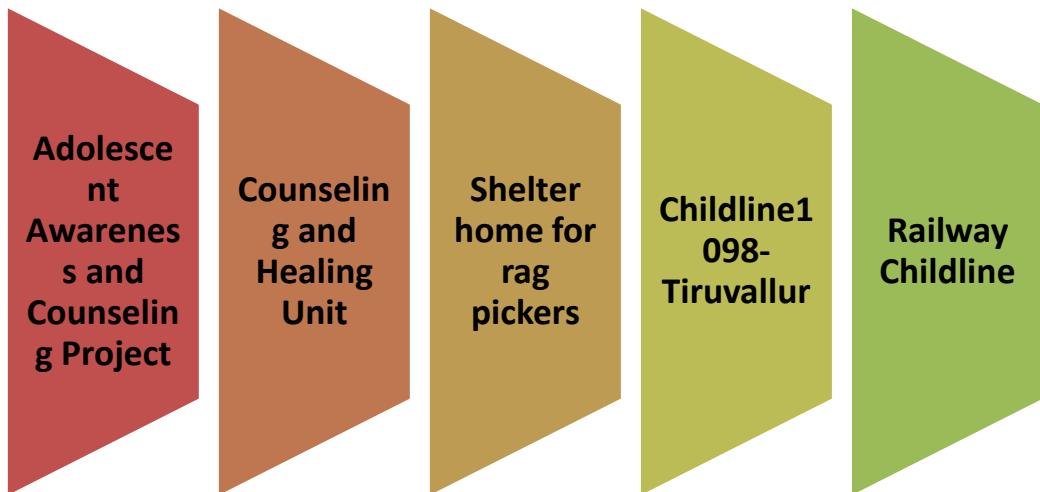
In collaboration with Chennai Container Terminal- DP World awareness on career opportunities in Ports was conducted for students of 8th, 9th and 11th std at Chennai school, Patel nagar and Angel school. Five sessions have been conducted by representatives from DP world. Totally 104 children benefited from it. This has developed an interest in the children to pursue job opportunities at Ports.

2. RIGHT TO PROTECTION

Every child has the right to live in a safe and protective environment free of neglect, abuse and exploitation. Arunodhaya implements programmes to protect children and adolescents, rescue children in need of care and protection and works towards their reintegration /rehabilitation.

The programmes are

Figure – 4: Child Protection



2.1. ADOLESCENT, AWARENESS, COUNSELING AND EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (AACEP)

Arunodhaya envisions a safe environment for adolescents, which ultimately allows them to blossom, protect and support themselves. Adolescent Awareness Counseling and Empowerment Project aims at creating a safe and secure environment for the adolescents which ensure their protection and development. Identify adolescent with difficult problem to provide counseling service and provide various life skill training to the adolescent for their personal skill development.

2.1.1. Capacity Building of Adolescents

Ilanthalir Sessions

Ilanthalir sessions were conducted for 600 children in the age group 12-18 yrs and 300 in the age group 19-21 yrs. The sessions have enabled them to understand the changes that happen within them physically and psychologically, develop self esteem, skill to handle their emotions, distinguish between infatuation and love, appreciate the need to set a goal and pursue it, gain information on the ill effects of drugs and alcohol, respect relationships and have a knowledge on the different legislations and mechanisms to protect children and adolescents.

A training cell has been formed with the staff members from Arunodhaya. The training cell members are trained in handling the different session during the monthly trainings.

Motivation session

Motivation session on goal setting was organized, 100 adolescent participated in the session. They were able to identify their talents, role model and goal.

“The training was very useful, I love foot ball and I am also a foot ball player. Through this training I identified that I wanted to become a football player”.

Training on Sexual abuse

Training featuring sexual abuse and violence was provided to a total of 63 participants in 5 batches. Topics featured sexual abuse and violence. The present sexual abuse issue of the daily paper and media was shared. Through this meeting a child sexual abuse case was identified and steps were taken to rehabilitate the child.

“A 7 year old girl was sexually assaulted by the house owner. We immediately registered a complaint at the local police station and rescued the child. The child is now staying in a shelter home. Her father is sick and mother is mentally challenged hence they were not able to protect their child”

2.1.2. Support Groups

Support groups have been formed with community members to ensure sustainability of the activities and to enhance the reach. The following support groups have been formed

- Adolescent coordination committee
- Adolescent peer educators
- Adult peer educator

Adolescent coordination committee

Adolescent coordination committee is formed with elected zonal representation from Ilanthalir groups. This is the space for adolescents to participate in contributing to the functioning of AACEP project. The committee is informed, consulted and involved in taking decision and in implementing the programmes. The session themes are finalized in consultation with the committee members and the modules are discussed with them. The members also bring issues of the zone, participate in organising the different programmes.

Adolescent coordination committee has 15 members. Meetings were conducted once in three months. The members supported in motivating adolescents to attend Ilanthalir sessions. The idea to include social media cyber crimes in the sessions was brought by them. They also insisted on having serious session on love and infatuation.

Adolescent peer educators Adolescent peer educators are volunteers drawn from the zones. They support in conducting Ilanthalir sessions. They bring in new members to Ilanthalir groups, share their learning with other adolescents in schools and in their neighbourhood. Awareness on cyber crime training was conducted to adolescent peer educator. Mr. Akilan Athaven, Sub-inspector of cyber crime department was the resource person. Adolescent peer educators were equipped with clear knowledge about cyber crime. With increasing number of cyber crime adolescent peer educator were taught how to handle the internet safely as well as how to safely use an ATM card. Adult peer educators gained awareness on how to register cyber crime offences.



Adult peer educators Volunteers from women groups act as Adult peer educators. There are 179 adult peer educators. Monthly meetings and training were organised for Adult peer educators at zonal level. They took the responsibility of mobilising adolescents for Ilanthalir meetings, conducting Ilanthalir meetings, sharing information on adolescent issues at SHG meetings and with neighbours.

Arunodhaya organized training for adult peer educators on 18th May 2016 at Arunodhaya Head Office. 44 adult peer educators from 6 zones participated in the training. Awareness on CHLIDLINE 1098 and disaster safety program was shared with the participants.

On 25th May team building training was held in Korukupet. 75 adult peer educators participated in the training. Mr. Sivakumar, District Youth Coordinator, NYK was the resource persons. Topics included roles and responsibilities of adult peer educators, social issues, team building, unity of women, awareness on how to handle and strengthen adolescents and youths.

2.1.3. AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

SHG Sensitization Meeting

Self-help group sensitization meetings were conducted in all the six zones. A total of 418 individuals participated in the meetings. A range of topics were covered including relationships, adolescent issues, ill effects of drugs, sexual abuse, CHU awareness, roles and responsibilities and parental responsibility. These meeting supported the SHG women to monitor their area and protect adolescent. This year they identified 32 clients for counseling



Parents Exchange Meeting

Parent's exchange meeting was organized in 2 places Korukkupet and Ennore. 45 parents and 60 children participated in the meeting. Through these meetings, parents and adolescents were able to form worthy relationships. Both groups of individuals were able to understand each others' expectations. Parents' drug abuse ultimately affected their children and their development, mostly in education. In separate meetings with adolescents, they revealed that their parents were drug and alcohol users which had a profound effect on their emotional mental wellbeing. However, parents denied using drugs. Two parents were admitted at a De-addiction centre and now they are free from their addiction. These meetings also raised awareness of sexual abuse to adolescents and parents. Information on how to protect adolescents from sexual abuse was provided.

Awareness Program on Drug Abuse

Arunodhaya felt that Daan Utsav is not only giving money but also sharing their knowledge and time. In this context Arunodhaya in collaboration with Wind dancers performed 'Lorry Dolakku' which created awareness on drug abuse. The street theatre was performed in three places MGR nagar, JJ nagar and Kattukuppam where there was high need for awareness on drugs abuse. In all the three places nearly 900 members witnessed the show.



Boys from Arunodhaya shelter home were involved in developing the script for the play and they participated in the play. Since these children were once addicted to drugs, they were able to convey the message against drug addiction very effectively.



Rally on Drug and Substance

The drug and substance abuse awareness program was held on 21st May 17 at Semmancharry. 120 adolescent participated in the rally and meetings. In the end of the rally a public meeting was held and gave awareness on child marriage and drug abuse. In collaboration with TNSCB a street theatre was organized on child marriage. Nearly 800 members witnessed the show and got awareness.

Pilot Study on Adolescent Reproductive Health

Reproductive health research was done with 120 adolescents. Through this research we found out 90% of the adolescent profane from visiting the hospital for reproductive problems. 95% of the adolescent are anemic. 63% of the respondent did not have awareness on reproductive health.



2.1.4. STAFF TRAINING

Staff Training on Life Skills

Rainbow shelters organized training for staff on life skill training. It helped them to identifying the facilitator, facilitating children, values, and beliefs, violence and abuse and creative thinking. Counselor Ms. Chellammal and adult peer educator Ms. Vinotha participated in the training.

Staff Refresher Training

Staff project refresher training was held on Dec 20th. 15 staff participated in the meeting. Visions, Mission, objective and program of the project was refreshed though games and activities.

Awareness on Child Protection at Olympiya Tech Park

Arunodhaya staff and youth cultural team performed awareness on child protection at olympiya tech park for employees working in IT. 150 members witnessed the street play. Arunodhaya Youth cultural team performed parai dance which attracted the attention of all the employees in the cafeteria. Information on child help line 1098 was shared during the street play.



2.2. COUNSELING AND HEALING UNIT

Counseling and Healing Unit (CHU) aims at Creating an environment where adolescents will feel comfortable to share their problems, counseled and offered medical, legal or other assistance as required and enabled to lead a safe and healthy life.

2.2.1. COUNSELING

Individual counseling

438 clients were identified with various problems and rendered individual counseling. Problems addressed through individual counseling were education related issues such as drop outs, slow learners ; Family issues related to misunderstanding between parents and children, broken families and alcoholism ; sexual abuse ; love and infatuation ; depression and suicide tendencies35% of the adolescent has problem relating to broken family which affected their education. 30% of children have problem with pursuing their education.

Figure 5 - Individual counseling

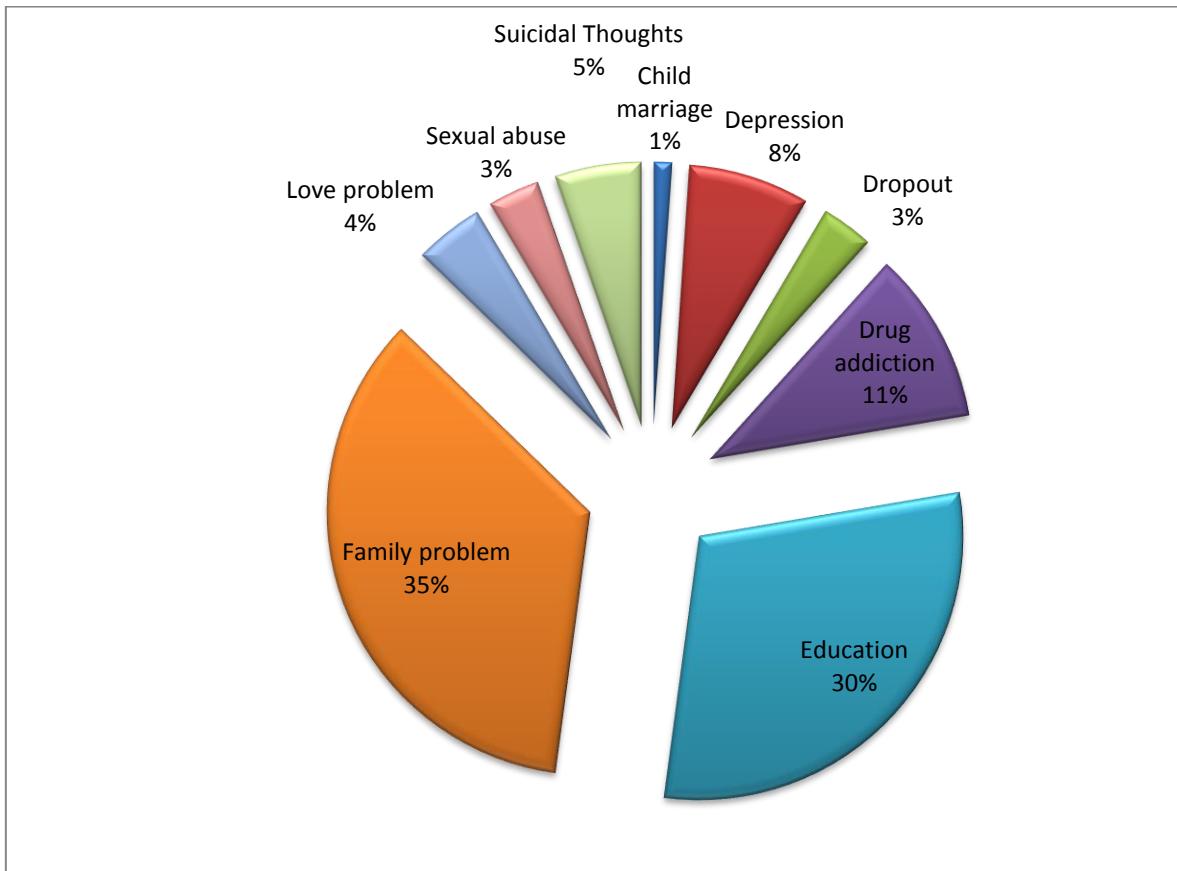
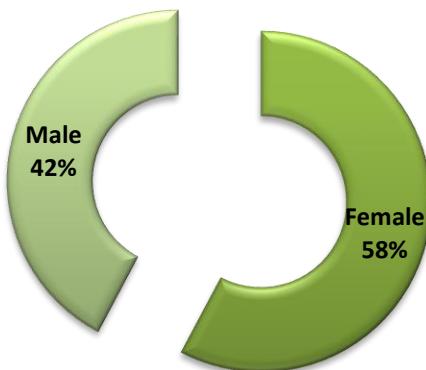


Figure 6 - Sex ratio of adolescents Counselled

Group counseling

Group counseling was given to parents and children for issue relating to school dropout, infatuation, drugs, education, sexual abuse. 251 clients were counselled.

Through group counseling 13 (Ennore – 8 and Tiruvottiyur _5) children who were school drop outs have been assisted to continue schooling. Group counseling done in R.R. nagar on sexual abuse has yielded positive results. The children are aware of the issue and immediatey report on any abusive situation. The school teachers are also cooperative. Group counseling on drug abuse has also yielded results in around 50 children coming out of the habit. Group counseling on infatuation has helped 7 girls to come out of it and they are concentrating on their studies. Group counseling on self esteem has brought about change in the personal appearance and behaviour of 10 boys.

2.2.2. AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Awareness on 'Bang' Chocolate

A total of 164 adolescent received awareness on the ill-effects of drugs and 'BANG' chocolate. Following the incident of three children's hospitalization after consuming drug laced chocolate a fact finding team was formed to gather information on the incident of sale of drugs near schools. A human chain with 2000 children in collaboration with 10 government schools was organized, with the aim of raising awareness on drug abuse.

School Campaign

School campaign was organized in 20 schools (12 middle schools and 8 primary school). 865 children participated in the campaign. Komal video was projected in all the schools. Counselors also covered stress management, Self esteem, Sexual education, Sexual abuse & Violence, Important of education topics. Through school campaign many adolescents are referred by teachers for counseling, a good rapport is built with school management.

2.2.3. SUPPORT GROUPS

Advisory Committee Meeting

Advisory committee meetings were held once in a quarter. All advisory committee members participated in the meeting. During this meeting many issues were discussed and action was taken. Suggestion was given to have new modules for infatuation and legislations.

Multidisciplinary Team Meeting

A multi disciplinary team meeting was held on the 18th July 2016 and 6th February 2017 at the Royapuram office.

2.2.4. STAFF TRAINING

Documentation training

Documentation training was held for counselors, barefoot counselors and Adult peer educators. Ms. Nanthini, M.sc, M.phill., was the resource persons of the training. This training emphasized the importance of documentation during counseling for effective follow up. Counselors shared that they gained knowledge on the difference between Indian and international documentation methods, how to write simple and valued documentation, methods of documentation and the importance of documentation. They were also able to document each case properly.

Counseling Skills Training for Adult Peer Educators and Bare foot Counselors

Training on advanced counseling skills was organized on 3rd Aug. 2016. Ms. E. Vanaja, Counsellor, IRCDS facilitated the training. 42 adult peer educators and bare foot counselors participated in the training. She trained the participants on basic counseling skills and qualities needed for a professional counselor. In the afternoon she explained on how to handle critical situations and clients through role. The training was completed with one to one interaction where the participants asked about best interventions for the clients they handled. Through this training the participants understood the importance of documentation and their role as counselors.

Counselor And Barefoot Counselors Training

On 12th of Feb training on basic counseling, how to handle clients with depression, Psychotherapy and Practical session on counseling skills was trained for counselors and barefoot counselors. Counselors refreshed their counseling skills



Exposure Visit to RUWSEC

15 Adult peer educators visit to RUWSEC organization for exposure visits. There was lot of exchange of leanings specially relating to SRHR.

2.3 CHILDLINE

Thiruvallur CHILDLINE 1098 Thiruvallur District Nodal Agency

Table -3 : Details of Call Statistics for the period of April 2016 to March 2017

I	Intervention done	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
	Medical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shelter	5	7	2	2	1	3	0	2	2	2	1	2
	Restoration (within the country)	10	3	4	11	3	3	4	4	4	7	2	0
	Repatriation (outside the country)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Protection from abuse	10	6	6	8	7	8	5	11	9	14	4	13
	Child in Conflict with Law	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sponsorship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
II	Missing Children												
	Child Lost	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
	Parents Asking Help	0	0	2	1	2	2	1	2	3	0	0	1
III	Emotional Support & Guidance	2	1	11	9	8	6	6	2	0	4	7	1
IV	Other Intervention	0	0	0	2	2	0	17	0	20	0	0	30
	Total I to IV	27	17	26	36	24	23	1	22	0	28	16	0
V	Unclassified *	1	1	0	2	0	0	18	1	20	1	2	1
	Grand Total I to V	28	18	26	38	24	23	53	45	60	57	34	56
	Table C. All other Calls												
VI	Information												
	Information & Referral to service	8	0	7	10	18	8	8	8	10	7		9
	Information About CHILDLINE & Volunteers	3	0	4	3	5	7	6	6	15	11		
VII	Supportive calls												
	Follow up calls: At City Level	7	8	12	12	15	5	12	12	18	8	13	16
	Follow up calls: calls for cases from other CLs	0	0	0	3	4	4	3	3	2	10	0	0
	Phone Testing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Did Not Find	3	2	0	2	1	2	3	3	1	2	0	0
	Did Not Intervene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIII	Silent/Confidence building	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IX	Technical defects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Blank	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
	Wrong	5	6	4	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
	One-sided communication	6	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
X	Fun calls												
	rank Fun Abusive	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Chat Calls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XI	Others												
	Personal Calls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Administrative calls	20	18	15	18	22	15	18	18	8	35	20	30
	Total - I to XI	81	61	81	86	89	64	109	101	114	130	67	111

School Awareness Programs

Nodal created awareness on CHILDLINE 1098 at Jayagopal Garodiya HSS on 29th June 2016. Nearly 700 children got aware on 1098 and child protection

Orientation on CHILDLINE 1098 and child protection was given to children and teachers at Sadayankuppam and Attipattu ,Ennore schools. 150 Children and 8 teachers participated.

Community awareness

Vasantham federation of Disability, Thiruvallur organized a training programme for panchayat level representative of disabilities on get knowledge of Govt entitlements for the disability schemes. During this meeting awareness on 1098 was given to representative on 27th May 2016.

Awareness was created on CHILDLINE1098 among SHGs members. This programme organized by Ekam foundation . 30 members participate and became aware on CHILDLINE 1098

Created awareness on child protection among AIR site community with DCPU.

Resource Directory prepared by CHILDLINE nodel was released by District collector during the CAB meeting on 8th June 2016 and distributed to all CAB members and other stockholders

Took prevent measure on child begging with Police station at Redhills bus stand

Resource organization meeting

Resource organization meeting organized by CHILDLINE Nodal held on 31st March 17 at Thiruvallur. NGOs and Govt officials attended the meeting. The objective of meeting was to eradicate and prevention of the issues on Child marriage, Child begging, Substance abuse, Child labour and School dropouts to strengthen the interaction between CHILDLINE, Resource organizations(NGO's) and Govt allied systems in Thiruvallur district to support and complement each other's activities in promoting child rights in the District. A total of 27 participants from 16 NGOs and 5 Govt allied system officials participated in the meeting.

Capacity Building training for team

The team members got knowledge about child rights, child trafficking, child counseling and JJ.Act 15

Coordinators meeting

Conducted 12 meetings among three coordinators in the year of April 16 to March 17. Discussed on issues and programmes for better coordination in the district

Monthly meetings

Nodal Coordinator attended with Collab and Sub centre monthly review meetings. Some inputs and guides to the Coordinators and team members and also verified records and documents

Weekly meeting

Nodal Coordinator attended with Collab and Sub centre weekly review meetings alternatively weeks. Some inputs and guides to the team members and regularly verified records and documents. Every week some inputs were given to team members

Special Events

Antichild labour day

16th June 2016 Anti child labour day observed by District court through a rally taken out by students from schools across Thiruvallur theradi along with District Magistrates, District Collector and SP of Thiruvallur. Nodal and Collab centre participated and shouted slogans on Child protection and also the nodal organised parai dance in the event



29th June Anti childlabour day observed at Govt HSS, Madhavaram. This programme jointly organized by Real Trust, CHILDLINE Nodal and CHILDLINE sub centre. Around 700 children and 25 teachers were given awarness on 1098 and also performed parai dance and street play on health and child protection during the programme. DCPO and his team, JJB member, Director of childline Sub centre were the special guests on the occasion.

Child Missing Day

25th May 2016 Child Missing Day observed at Thruvallur Railway Station. The event organized by DCPU. This programme inaugurated by District Collector and SP of Thiruvallur. Nodal and collab centre participated in the programme.

CHILDLINE Se Dosti Week

Suraksha Bandhan bands were tied by the CHILDLINE Team members and Govt School children and the officers/ Officials of District allied System- District Collector, Superintendent Police, District Magistrates, CWC chairperson and member, RDO, Thasildhar, Inspector of police and all women police station – Ponneri and Redhills and also CHILDLINE visibility hoarding placed by district Collector and Superintendent Police of their premises. The events organized by CHILDLINE Thiruvallur.

16th November Jeeva Jyothi sub centre team members with Nodal coordinator organized Childline Se Dosti programme in Ponneri police station and Ponneri RDO office. The team gave awareness promotion about CHILDLINE-1098 activities. Display POCSO stickers and posters. Tied se Dosti band to police officers, Ponneri Tasildhar and Govt officials.

26th November Childline sub centre organized CSD programme on Child rights. K. Veerappan nodal coordinator gave orientation on Childline and child rights

Resource Mobilization at District Level.

- Three CHILDLINE1098 Visibility hoarding board supported by Mr. Kumaran hotel employers association and Arunai digital printer Thiruvallur
- Circular received from CEO on child marriage prevention awareness to all Govt and aided schools in Thiruvallur district.
- Received information from SSA on the availability of hearing impaired machine free of cost for children supported by DDH Health Thiruvallur district.

**Details of Circulars received from District administration**

S.N	Issued from (department)	Issued to (Department)	Date of issue	Subject	Outcome	Remarks
1	District Collectorate- Thiruvallur	CEO- Thiruvallur	25.8.2016	Child marriage prevention awareness in all Govt and aided schools	Circular forwarded to CEO education department Thiruvallur by Nodal Coordinator	
2	Education department- Thiruvallur	All Govt and aided school & Childline- Thiruvallur	22.2.2017	Child marriage prevention awareness in all Govt and aided schools	Received circular from CEO to CHILDLINE 1098 Thiruvallur and all Govt and aided schools in Thiruvallur district.	
3	District legal service authority- Thiruvallur	CHILDLINE Thiruvallur - Nodal	20.12.2016	Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Team member	Received the document regarding SOP on Repatriation of missing and Trafficked children from the District Legal Service Authority Thiruvallur	
4	DCPU- Thiruvallur	CHILDLINE Thiruvallur - Nodal	31.3.2017	Home inspection team member	Received the document regarding inspection team for children homes from the DCPU Thiruvallur district	

CHILDLINE 1098 Visibility in the District.

1. CHILDLINE visibility hoarding placed at SP office by SP Thiruvallur during the CHILDLINE Se Dosti programme with DCPO and Mr. Kumaran head of Hotel employers association Thiruvallur
2. CHILDLINE visibility hoarding placed at Collectorate by District Collector during the CHILDLINE Se Dosti programme with DCPO and PRO Thiruvallur.
3. CHILDLINE Visibility in the District Collab centre

2.4. Railway CHILDLINE 1098 Egmore Railway station, Chennai

2.4.1. RESCUE AND REINTEGRATION/REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN AT RISK

In the year 2016 to 2017 Egmore child help desk rescued 556 children who were in need of care and protection. 92% of the children rescued are boys. Most of them run away from their home fighting with their parents. 151 children come along with friends for sight seeing. 88% of the children rescued were rehabilitated with their parents. Awareness on CHILDLINE 1098 was given to nearly 9000 public through various activities and programs.

Table 4. Details of children rescued from April 16 – March 17

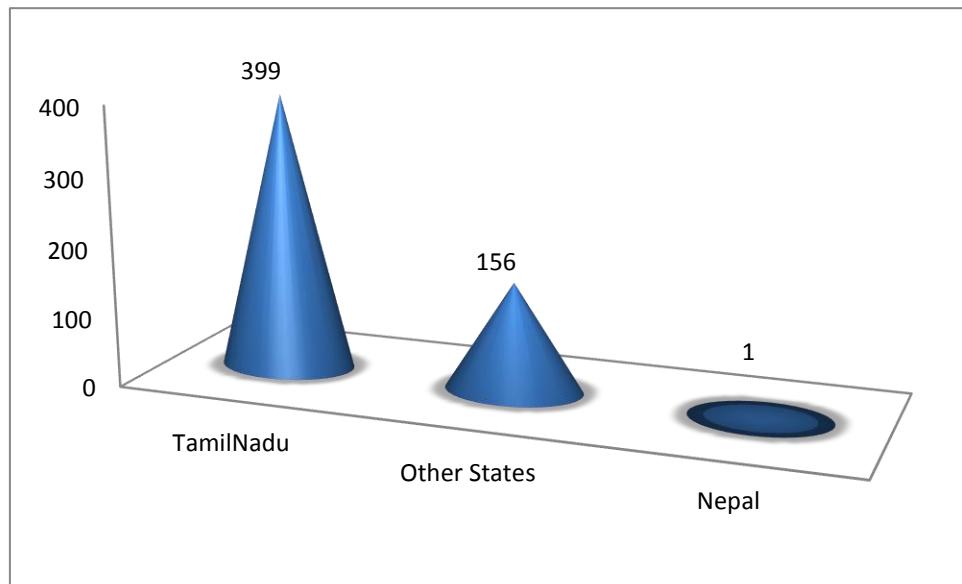
Details	2016												2017			Total	Grand Total
	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar					
Total number of children	57	45	44	65	69	57	52	38	34	24	28	43					556
Gender																	
Boys	52	43	38	61	66	54	47	36	30	20	25	40				512	556
Girls	5	2	6	4	3	3	5	2	4	4	3	3				44	
Age																	
Below 8 yrs	1	1	2	3	2	1	6	1	1	1	2	2				23	556
8-10 yrs	5	4	1	1	3	3	0	1	3	0	2	1				24	
11- 14 yrs	18	17	15	26	23	26	23	16	5	9	16	23				217	
15-18 yrs	33	23	26	35	41	27	23	20	25	14	8	17				292	
Native																	
Other Country				1												1	556
Other states	18	5	8	25	26	9	15	11	24	2	6	7				156	
Other districts in Tamilnadu	39	40	36	39	43	48	37	27	10	22	22	36				399	
Chennai	18	27	11	19	12	29	17	19	2	9	15	20				198	
Rescued By																	
GRP	14	11	13	16	18	9	13	4	4	10	11	17				140	556
RPF	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	30	1	0	0				37	
Childline team	42	29	31	48	47	44	33	34	0	12	16	23				359	
Railway	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0				3	
Self	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				2	3
Vendors	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	3
Auto Drivers	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				0	2
Passengers	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	1				1	9
Porters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0
Action taken																	
Referred to CWC	27	12	20	29	24	9	19	10	27	9	8	13				207	556
Reunited with family through CWO	28	33	23	36	45	47	33	28	7	15	20	30				345	
Missing	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	4

3.4.1 Profile of Rescue Child

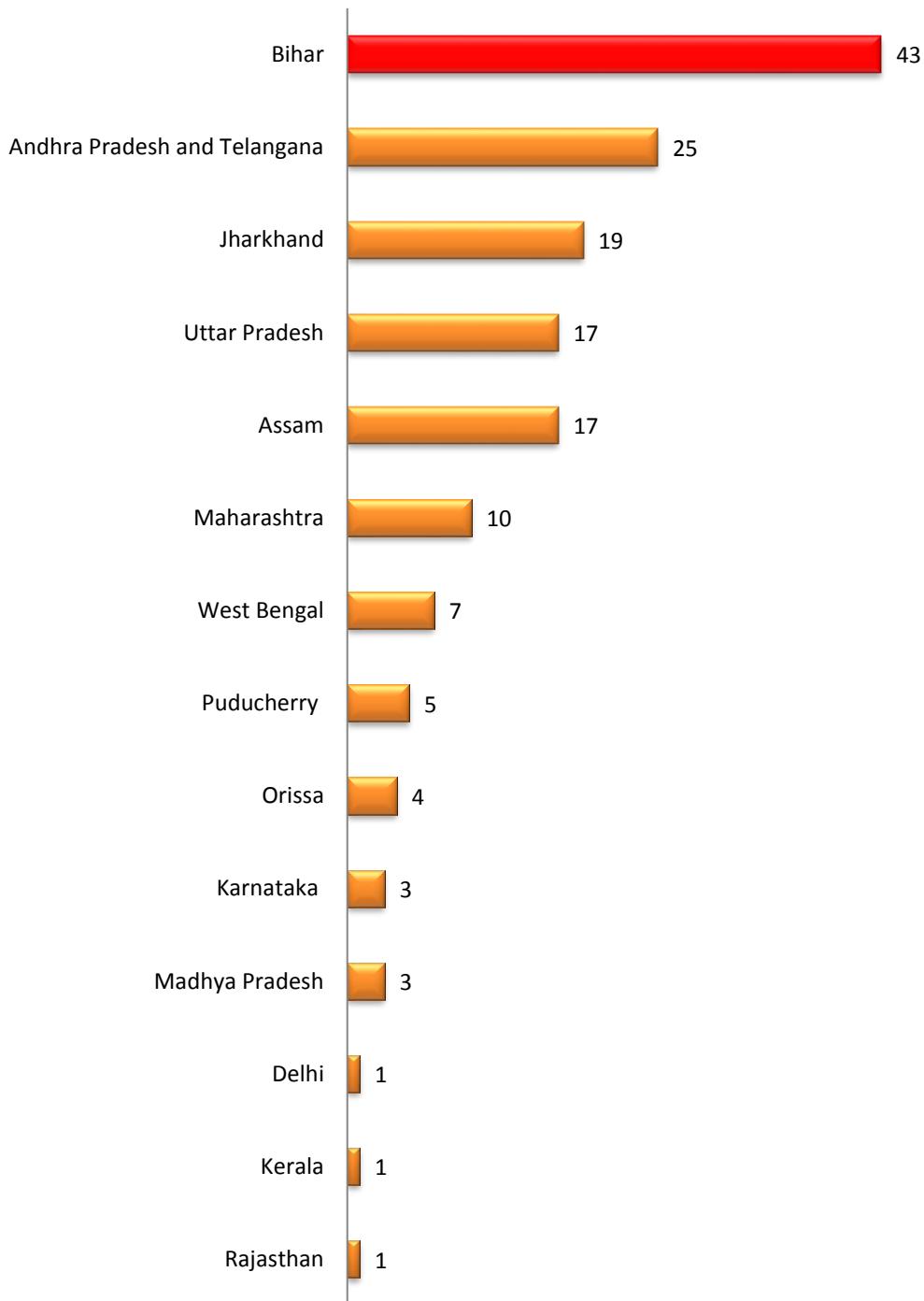
State Wise Representation of Children Rescued

An analysis of the State wise representation of children revealed that 399 (71.7%) children were from Tamilnadu, 156 (28.2%) from other States and 1 (0.1%) child is from Nepal

Figure 7 - State wise representation of children rescued

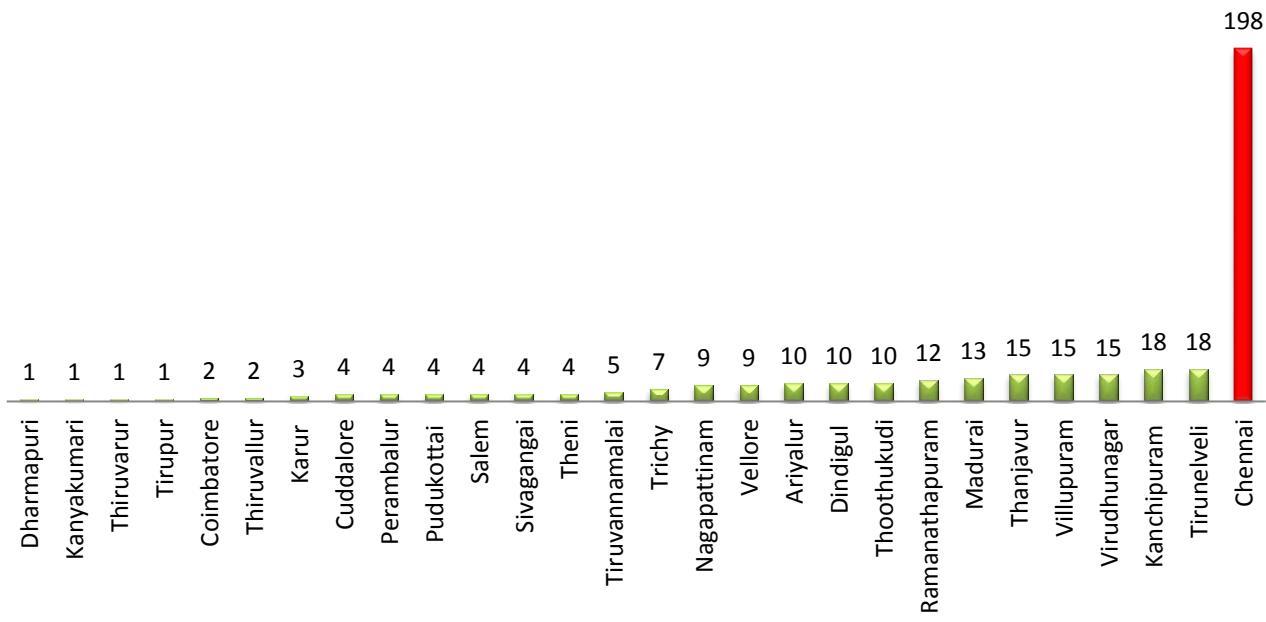


Among the 156 children who were rescued from other States of India, highest number of children is from Bihar which accounts for 43 (28%) children.

Figure 8 - Details of children rescued from other States

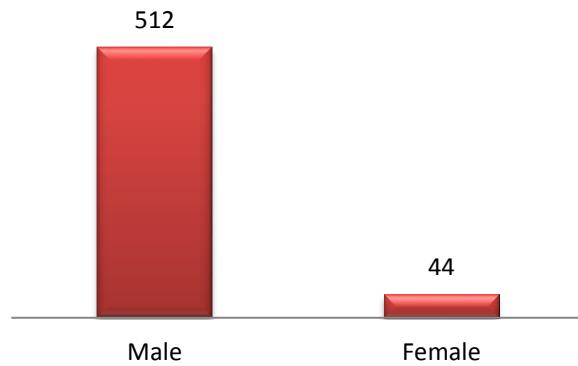
District Wise Representation of Children Rescued

Among the 399 children rescued from Tamilnadu 198 (49.6%) are from Chennai and the other 201 (50.4 %) are from other districts of Tamilnadu.

Figure 9 - District wise representation of children rescued


Sex ratio of children rescued

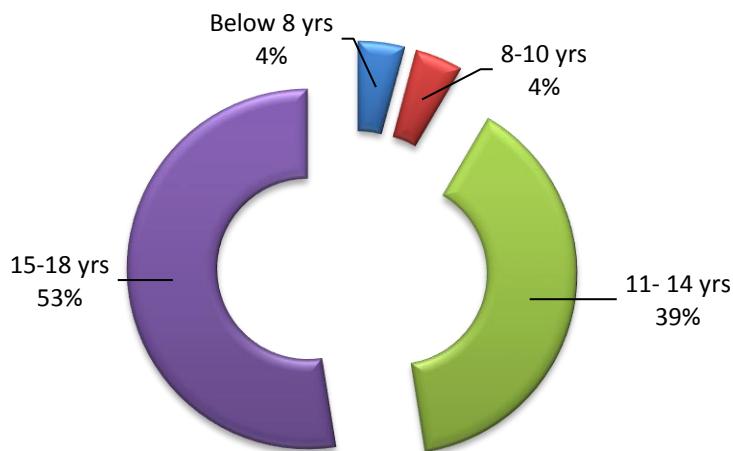
It is seen that among the children rescued boys are higher in number 512 (92%) and girls are 44 (8 %).

Figure 10 - Sex ratio of children rescued


Age group of children Rescued

A large number of children 292 (53 %) rescued belong to the age group 15 to 18 years. 217 children (39%) were in the age group 11-14 yrs. 24 children (4%) were between 8-10 yrs. and 23 (4%) were below 4 years.

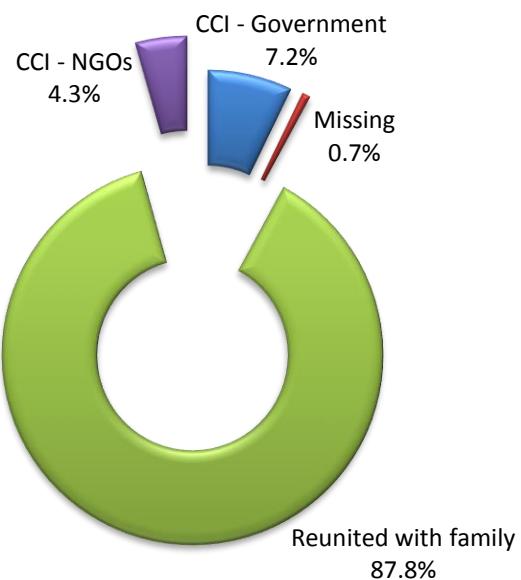
Figure 11 - Age group of children rescued



Reintegration/Rehabilitation Details

The Child Help Desk with the support of Child Welfare Officer and Child Welfare Committee tries to trace the family and with the support of proper documents the child is reintegrated. In instances where the family cannot be reached the child is admitted in CCI - Child Care Institutions. 488 (87.8%) of the children have been reunited with their family. 40 (7.2 %) of the children are rehabilitated in CCI run by Government, 24 (4.3%) children are rehabilitated in CCI run by NGOs and 4 (0.7%) children escaped from our care.

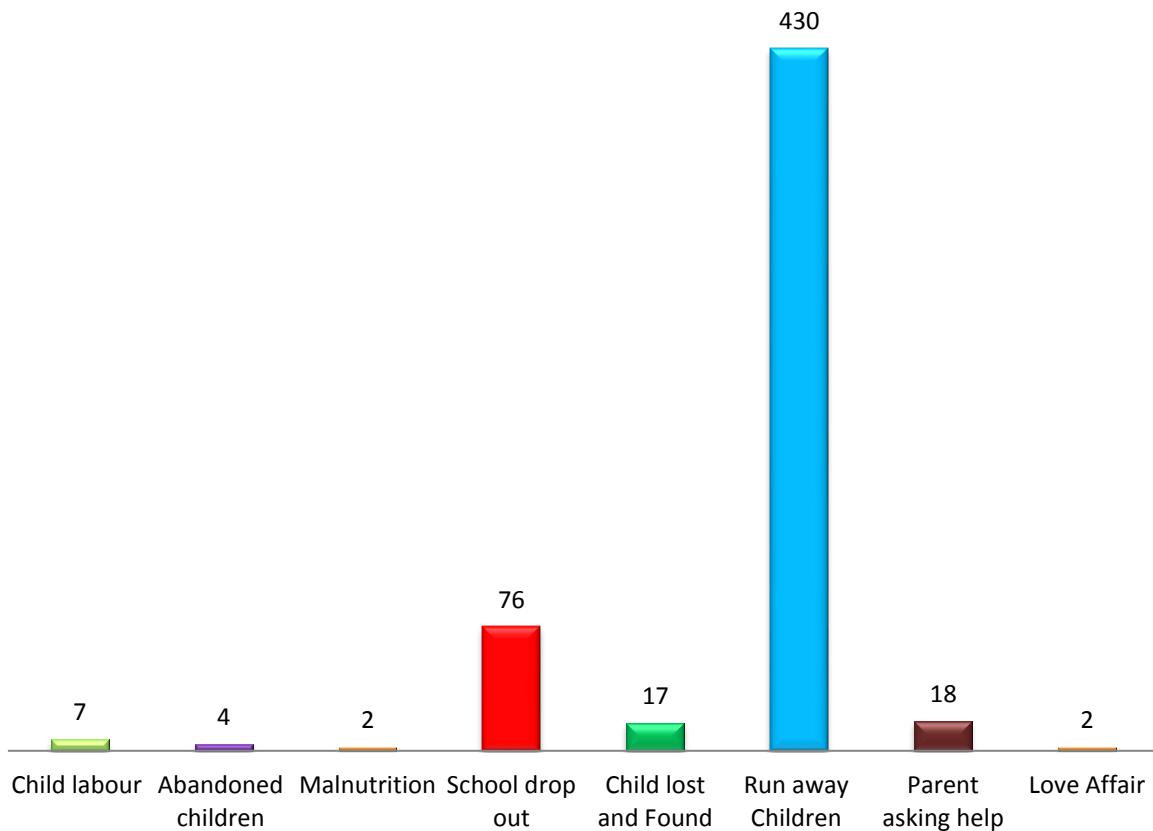
Figure 12 - Details of rehabilitation or reintegration of rescued children



Risk situation of children rescued

An analysis of the risk situation of the children rescued revealed that 430 (77.3%) children have run away from their home due to various reasons like fighting with their parents, to find job in Chennai, to visit relatives unaccompanied by adult, runaway from other children home seeking better shelter. 76 (13.5%) children were school drop outs. In the case of 18 children (3.3%) the parents approached Child Help Desk for shelter and protection. 17 (3.1%) were missing children who were lost and found. 7 (1.3%) children who were pushed to child labour were rescued. 4 (0.7%) children were found abandoned and rescued. 2 children (0.4%) who were undernourished were identified and rescued. 2 (0.4%) children have run away from their home due to love affair.

Figure 13 - Risk situation of children rescued

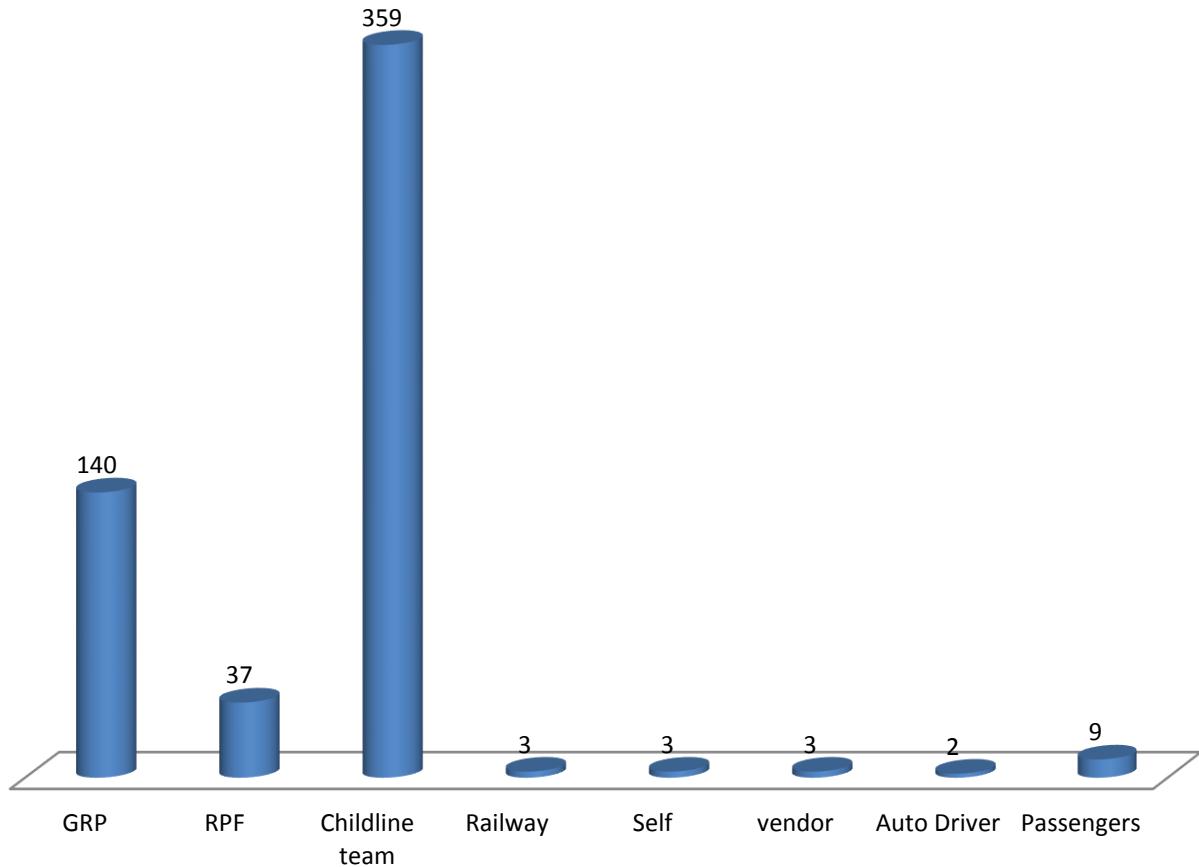


Details of support group who rescued children

GRP, RPF and Railway officials support in identification and rescue of children at risk. The awareness programmes conducted by Child Help Desk has motivated autorickshaw drivers, porters vendors and passengers to rescue and refer children in need of care and protection.

It has been found that 359 (64.6%) of children were identified by Childline team. GRP assisted in identifying 140 (25.2%) children, RPF rescued 37 (6.7 %) children, Railway officials referred 3 (0.5%), passengers referred 9 (1.6 %) children, Auto rickshaw drivers 2 (0.4%) Vendors 3 (0.5%) and self 3 (0.5%).

Figure 14 - Details of support groups who rescued children



2.4.2. AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Awareness programmes were organized for various stakeholders to gain their support and cooperation in the rescue of children in need of care and protection. These awareness programmes have been fruitful in garnering the support of the stakeholders in identification and rescue of children at risk.

Awareness on CHILDLINE 1098 to College students

Awareness on CHILDLINE 1098 was given to students of criminology department at Agarsan College on 23rd July, 2016. 37 students and 26 police participated in the training. Ms. Virgil D' Sami, Executive Director, Arunodhaya spoke about child protection during the training.

Formation of peer supporters group

Awareness program on child protection was conducted to homeless community on 10th Aug., 2016. After the training 15 members (5 women, 5 men, 5 children) volunteered to be peer supports for Railway CHILDLINE Egmore. They have promised to support every child who is in need. They also agreed that they would motivate their children to go to school regularly.

54 homeless kit which contains vessels and a trunk box worth Rs 15,000 was given with the support of TATA. Railway childline did the survey on this homeless community during the flood and gave immediate support.



Komal Video screening

Komal video was screened to porters on 10th March, 2017 at Egmore Railway station. 32 porters participated in the meeting. They were surprised to know that even boy child will be abused. They assured that they will extend their support to protect every child. During the session public also joined and witnessed the show. The members assured that they will extend their support to ensure child protection.

As part of International Day Against Child Labour, Egmore Railway CHILDLINE team in collaboration with MSSW students created awareness on Child sex abuse through Komal Video screening. Nearly 120 members got awareness through the movie.



As part of Se dosti celebration Komal movie was screened near Child Help Desk from 17th to 20th Nov 2016. The movie screening was inaugurated by Mr. Gunasekaran, Deputy Station Manager Railway, Egmore on 17th Nov 2016. The movie was screened in three languages (English, Tamil and Hindu) three times a day. More than 1200 people watched the movie fully. Most of them were north Indians. After watching the movie many of them signed the banner (signature campaign) which says 'I promise to ensure the rights of every child'.

On 17th March, 2017 Komal video was screened in Tamil at SJPU – Special Juvenile Police Unit monthly review meeting. 27 CWO from the state of Tamil Nadu participated in the meeting. CWO got good awareness about child sexual abuse. They promised to share this information with others in their respective station. A soft copy of komal video was shared with all the CWO via whatsapp. Few CWO shared their experience in handling child abuses cases. Railway CHILDLINE insisted to file sexual abuse cases under POCSO ACT.



Awareness on Sexual abuse to Peer supporters

Awareness on sexual abuses and POCSO Act was given to the peer supporters (Egmore Homeless Community) on 22nd Feb., 2017. 47 members participated in the program. The program was facilitated by E.Mala, Coordinator, Railway CHILDLINE. With increasing number of child abuse, the peer supporters were taught about good touch and bad touch. They also got awareness on the POCSO Act.

Awareness on CHILDLINE through 'Samathuva Pongal'

On 29th Jan., 2017 peer supporters group celebrated Samathuva Pongal, National Girl child day and Republic Day. The community prepared sweet pongal and distributed to everyone. Ms. Virgil D'Sami, Director and Station manager graced the occasion. Ms. Virgil D' Sami motivated the community to send the children for higher education. Few members of the community said that they do not have ration card. Hence RCL is doing follow up to get ration card for families who have not received it and do follow up to get house for the families. This would give protection for the children

International Day against Child Labour

International day against child labour was commemorated on 18th June at Egmore Railway Station from 04.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Cultural program creating awareness on child labour to the public was organized. Sticker campaign, Handbills campaign, Parai and Street theatre were conducted. Mr. M. Ravi Kumar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Railway, Mr K. Sravanakumar, Inspector of Police, Mr. Siva Jayakumar, DCPO, Ms.Glory Gunaseeli, Superintendent – Boys home, Mr. G. Prebakar, Station Manager, Ms. Virgil D' Sami, Executive Director Arunodhaya graced the programme. 100 stickers and 200 handbills were stuck and distributed at Egmore railway station. Nearly 800 public witnessed the street theatre.



Rally on International Day Against Child Labour

Arunodhaya in collaboration with State Legal Services Authority organised Anti Child labour day programme. It was held on 27th June. The programme started with a rally that went around the High court campus. 50 children from Arunodhaya participated in the Rally. An exhibition of photographs taken by children on the issue of child rights was displayed at the meeting venue. Arunodhaya cultural team presented a mime show on child labour.



One to one Awareness

Egmore CHILDLINE team members and coordinator visited auto drivers, porters, taxi drivers, shop owners, sweepers, travel agency owners and employers, SRM hospital doctor, ambulance driver and cooli workers in person on regular basis and share about CHILDLINE. Visited Mamabalam police station and met the inspector and spoke about the CHILDLINE and child protection.

Posters were displayed in the police station and pamphlets were distributed.



CHILDLINE Se Dosti Week Celebration 14th Nov 2016

During the program Arunodhaya cultural team performed parai dance and street play creating awareness on child protection to the public.

A Childline poster on child abuse was released by Mr. N. Jaya Venkatesan. A book mark which says 'I promise to protect every child' was released by Mr. M. Sagayaraj. After the inauguration the 300 book marks were distributed to the public.



Handbills Campaign

On 15th Nov poster campaign was conducted at Egmore railway station. Egmore CHILDLINE team distributed 1000 CHILDLINE handbills to various stakeholders in and around Egmore railway station. The team spoke with Travels Company, shop keepers, cooli workers, sweepers, porters, GRP, RPF, auto drivers, taxi drivers and general public. Many stakeholders have promised to share this information with their friends.

Awareness program at Egmore Railway station

Egmore CHILDLINE created awareness on child protection through cultural program on 16th Nov., 2016. Mr. P. Kishore Babu, Assistant Divisional Railway Manager was the chief guest of honour. Along with him Mr. Sundharam, Deputy Superintendent of police, Mr. M. Sagayaraj, Inspector of Police, RPF, Mr. Siva Jayakumar, District Child Protection Officer, Mr. N. Jaya Venkatesan, Station Manager Railway (in-charge), Egmore, Ms. Virgil D' Sami, Executive Director, Arunodhaya, Mr. S. Arunmozhi, Senior Programme Coordinator, Southern Regional Resource Centre, CIF, Ms. Sangeetha Isvaran, Director – Wind Dancer graced the occasion.

Release of Suraksha Bandhan Band

During the program Suraksha Bandhan band was released by Mr. P. Kishore Babu, Assistant Divisional Railway Manager. Children present in Egmore railway station tied the band to the dignitaries. The band was tied to the public by Childline team members after the program.



Inauguration of Signature Campaign

Signature campaign was inaugurated by District Child Protection Officer. After which all the guests and the participants signed in solidarity. More than 600 people signed and showed solidarity.



Cultural Program

Arunodhaya in collaboration with wind dancers performed street theatre on child protection. The artist depicted about child abuse and child labour. More than 500 members witnessed the program.

Release of Auto Stickers

The auto sticker was released by Deputy Superintendent of police, Mr. Basker, Auto union leader collected the stickers from DSP.



Human Banner Campaign

Egmore Railway CHILDLINE initiated an innovative campaign and created awareness on 1098. A childline volunteer dressed up like childline kiosk which looked like 1098 robo and went around the railway station creating awareness on 1098. The 1098 banner man gave chocolates to children and spoke to various stake holders and public to call 1098 if they see a child who is in need of care and protection.

Human Banner man's appearance increased the curiosity among the public which created more space to share about 1098. The banner man also had the information on child protection on his dress which was read by everyone he passed through. The campaign was done for two days (15th & 17th) during se dosti week celebration.



Suraksha Bandhan Band Drive

Childline team members tied 200 suraksha bandhan bands to stake holders and public. The public showed enthusiasm and accepted the band. They promised to be friends of Childline. The drive was organized on 16th Nov, 2016.



Auto Sticker Campaign

In collaboration with railway auto union, a sticker which says 1098 is a toll free number and call 1098 if you see any child below the age of 18 in trouble, problem or distress was stuck behind 55 autoickshaws present in Egmore railway station. The union has requested to conduct awareness program on child protection to all auto drivers (Egmore stand) during their monthly meeting.

This sticker was also stuck behind 146 autos which went along Egmore railway station on 18th Nov 2016. The team members spoke with each driver on child protection and motivated them to call 1098 if they see any child standing alone or trafficked.

Rally at Relocation Site

Egmore railway childline in collaboration Bro. Siga organized a rally at AIR Site on 19th Nov., 2016 from 04.00 pm to 05.00 pm. 253 children from Government middle school participated in the rally. Placards on child rights were raised and slogans on childline were sung during the rally. An announcement was made on Childline during the rally.



One minute Video on CHILDLINE

One minute video on CHILDLINE was screened on railways information board for every one hour from 14th Nov 2016 onwards. The railways have promised to play the video continuously. The video which says 'call 1098 if they see a child who needs to be protected' was played in 11 platforms and each platform has 8 screens. This has created awareness to all the passengers who have come to Egmore railway station.

Railway childline Egmore helpdesk number displayed in screen in collaboration with railways department



Awareness through street theatre at Central station Child Help Desk.

Egmore railway childline collaborated with Child Help Desk at Central station to create awareness on child protection through street theatre. On 19th Nov., 2016 Arunodhaya street theatre team performed street play on child protection for Se dosti week celebration.

Arunodhaya street theatre team created awareness on 'clean India' through street theater on 9th March, 2017 at Central railway station.



Exposure Visits

8 children from Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam visited Railway Child Help Desk to have an exposure on CHILDLINE. They interacted with 3 rescued children and understood the importance of child protection. They also got good knowledge on rescue and rehabilitation process through CHILDLINE. They showed lot of empathy for the children. After the visit they promised to protect themselves and share information on 1098 to others.

INTERACTION WITH GRP

Egmore CHILDLINE team participated in the GRP review meetings. 23 CWO from Chennai, Egmore and Coimbatore sub division and railway CHILDLINE coordinators participated in the meeting. Reports and grievances were discussed.

Outcome

- Good Rapport was developed between CWOs of other station which enhanced coordination.
- Superintendent of policed requested to prepare a resource directory for Railway CHILDLINE.
- To form informers in and around railway station. Support group was formed with homeless community
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3.4.4. CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTE

Child protection committee consisting of station manager, Deputy station manager, RPF, GRP, TTR and CHILDLINE team meet once in the month. This meeting was organized 4 times. Monthly report and data was shared with the team.

Outcome of the meeting

- Electric connection and extra room was given to CHILDLINE.
- New cot 2 nos was given from railways to RCL (Railway childline)
- Good rapport was developed between railways and RCL

3.4.5. CHILDLINE TEAM MEMBERS TRAINING

Childline Team Review Meetings

Every week Egmore CHILDLINE team members met on Wednesdays to discuss on weekly activities and give plan for the coming week. The last week of every month the team discussed with the Director, Arunodhaya. Lack of toilet facilities for staff, need of uniforms, record maintenance and problems faced while rescue and rehabilitation was also discussed and action was taken. New uniform was designed for Staff and it facilitated more visibility for CHILDLINE

Orientation on CHILDLINE

On 1st April 2016, CHILDLINE coordinator participated in the orientation training organised by CHESS. Dr. Manoramma, Director, CHESS was the resource person. She spoke on child legislations, shared few case studies and role of CHILDLINE. In the weekly review this information was shared with the team members.

Counseling Training

On 30th May 2016, Arunodhaya organized training on counseling skills. Two team members from Egmore CHILDLINE participated in the training. The resource person spoke about the qualities of counselor, counseling skills and methodology. The staff got more clarity in handling the children.

Training on child policy

On 30th April 2016 Egmore CHILDLINE team members were trained on child policy and roles & responsibility of CHILDLINE team member. Ms. Suganthi, Program Officer facilitated the training. The team members were made clear on their role and responsibility.

Training on SRHR

Railway CHILDLINE staff Ms. Rathi participated in SRHR training organized by Arunodhaya on feb 17th 2017. The information was shared with the team member during weekly review meetings.

Training on team building

Ms. S. Chitra, Volunteer facilitated the training on team building organized for Egmore Railway Childline team on 17th Aug 2017. Through games and activities the importance of team work was illustrated to the team. This enhanced the cohesiveness among the team members.

Training on basics of Computer

Arunodhaya in collaboration with MSSW field work students, organized training on 16th March 2017 for Childline team members on basics of computer . A computer with printer has been set up at Railway Childline help desk.

Coordinators Meeting

Coordinator meeting is organized every month. Coordinators from Egmore railway Childline, Central Egmore Childline, CHESS, ICCW, Donbosco, Bro, Siga and Mr. Arun, Senior Program Coordinator, CHILDLINE meet and discussed about various issues concerning reports, posters, ID cards etc.



3.4.7 REACHING OUT TO STAKE HOLDERS

Training on roles and responsibility of CWO

On 11th April, 2016 training on roles and responsibility of CWO was organized. Ms. Virgil D' Sami, *Executive Director Arunodhaya* was the resource person. 23 CWOs participated in the meeting.

Training for RPF

Training for RPF was organized on 2nd Aug., 2016 Ms. Suganthi, Program Officer; Arunodhaya spoke of the importance of child protection and the role of RPF. She also spoke about SOP of child rescue which has to be followed strictly. 32 RPF police were present during the training.

Training on Child Trafficking Organized For GRP-CWO

Egmore railway CHILDLINE team was invited to conduct training on child trafficking to CWOs during SJPU meeting on 18th Jan 2017. Mr. Veerappan, Nodal Coordinator, Thiruvallur CHILDLINE and E. Mala, Coordinator Railway CHILDLINE represented Egmore railway CHILDLINE and conducted the training. During the training information on how to identify children who are being trafficked, who are traffickers, why do they traffic children, how they are trafficked and new techniques followed by traffickers.

27 CWO and 5 GRP who attended the meeting were equipped with clear knowledge about child trafficking. They understood that they have to be more vigilant and cautious to protect every child. They also shared their experiences in handling trafficked children.

Networking and Facilitation Visit

On 20th Sep 2016 and 18th March 2017 NF visit was conducted for Railway Childline. Mr. Arunmozhi Senior Program Coordinator, CHILDLINE facilitated the visit and gave his recommendations for better functioning.

On 22nd September 2018 Mr. B. Rupan Rajesh Kanna who is newly employed in CIF visited railway childline egmore for induction visit.

CHILD HELP DESK VISIBILITY

Egmore railway child help desk visibility was enhanced through stickers and placement of visibility board.



SUCCESS STORIES

Soft voice that changed her father....

Sumathi Palanisamy (name changed), 14 year resides at Villupuram. Her mother is a domestic worker. Her father is alcoholic hence doesn't take care of the family properly. Her family was facing financial problem which provoked Kalai to leave her house. She is studying 10th std in govt high school, Villupuram. Her father's alcoholism created hatred on her family. She felt that she is a burden to her family. So she decided to leave her house and come to Chennai to find a job.

She was identified in Egmore railway station in 4th platform by railway CHILDLINE team on Jan 2nd at 8.45 pm. RCL team members rescued her as she was standing alone in railway station. She was brought to RCL helpdesk. After refreshment she was asked about her whereabouts. Initially she refused to open up but later she said that she is coming from Villupuram and because of financial crisis she has left her home. She said that she has younger brother who is going to school. After further counseling she gave the contact number of her mother. Immediately information was given to her mother. Her mother informed that she was missing for 10 days. Her mother didn't lodge a complaint to police as she thought that it would spoil the name of her daughter

They were not able to come immediately due to family constrain. So she was produced before CWC and stayed in govt home for girls. On 6th morning her mother and father came with documents and received the child from Govt home. Her parents and child came to Egmore railway child help desk and thanked the team members for protecting and rescuing their child. Counseling was given to both the parents

Now she is going to school regularly. Her father is not drinking. He is going to do farming. This has reduced her stress and she feels happy.



SUCCESS STORIES

Lost, Found and Reintegrated

M. Rahul (name changed) 14 years is studying 9th std in Pondicherry. He was identified in Egmore Railway Station on 3rd November 2016 at 11.pm. He has run away from his home and reached Chennai in Pondicherry express to find a job in Chennai. M. Rahul lives in a joint family where 15 other relatives are staying with him. He is an average student and his parents have pressurized him to study well and get good marks. This created lose of interest in education and low self esteem. In his half yearly exams he has got very low marks. Due to this parents scolded him. Being distressed he left his family and boarded a train to Chennai to find a job. Being compelled to study well has created a stress in him which led to take adverse decision in anger. He was identified in school uniform and school bag. He has felt ashamed and ignored when scolded in front of his relatives.

He was identified by railway CHILDLINE staff in railway station at 11.00 pm during visit. He was rescued and brought to railway Child helpdesk and brought food. When enquired about why he has come to Chennai, he refused to give any details about his family.

When checked his belongings CHILDLINE team member got the contact number of School Head Master in his school dairy. CHILDLINE team member informed the HM about the child. With the help of HM childline team member got Rahul's parents contact information. Information was given to the parents immediately. Parents came at 3.30 am and received the child after giving necessary documents. Counseling was given to his parents. His parents who were searching for the missing child taught to committee suicide as they could not find him. In this situation they received a call from CHILDLINE. Not only was Mahesh rescued but also saved his parents life. Now Rahul is going to school regularly and he is studying well. His parents are encouraging and motivating him to pursue his dreams. A good relationship is developed between his parents and him.

SUCCESS STORIES

Friend of CHILDLINE

K. Baskar, 40 years is an auto driver at egmore railway station auto stand. During se dosti week celebration, a team member met him and explained about RCL and child protection. He agreed to stick a sticker which says '*1098 is a toll free number and call 1098 if you see any child below the age of 18 in trouble, problem or distress*' behind his auto.



After the awareness on CHILDLINE he identified two children from Egmore railway station who were in need of care and protection.

He identified Abinaya (name changed) a 15 days old baby with her mother at Egmore railway station. Abinaya's father married another women and left Abinay and her mother in hospital. Confused of where to go Abinaya's Mother was waiting in railway station. Basker identified them and brought them to Egmore CHILDLINE help desk before they could take any wrong decision. They were sent to Iniyaudhayam Home which has facilities for children to stay with their parents. They stayed there for a week and returned to Mudurai to stay with her parents after counseling.

Basker continues to support Child help desk and protect every child in need of care and protection. He has also promised to invite Egmore CHILDLINE during their union meeting to create awareness on CHILDLINE.

2.5. SHELTER FOR HOMELESS

A shelter home is run for children working in the dumping yard who are away from their families and spend their life at the dumping yard. The shelter provides a safe place for them and looks at bringing them out of the work and to a better opportunity.

Children engaged in scavenging in the dumping yard at Kodungaiyur are denied the right to a childhood and exposed to abusive environment. Arunodhaya conducted a survey on the situation of the children working in the dumping yard and a report titled “children of a lesser god” was released in June 2013. These children were addicted to drugs, dropped out of school and faced a bleak future. The need to have a shelter home through which these children can be rescued and rehabilitated emerged through the study.

With the support of Chennai Corporation a Shelter home was started on 13th December 2013 at Rajarathinam Nagar. The shelter provides a place for the children to rest, food and refreshment, medical assistance and counseling services. Children who have never been to school, school dropout, rag picker and street children were rescued and rehabilitated.

Till now 173 children have benefited through shelter home and 25 to 35 children stay at the shelter home. Children who were rag pickers at the dumping yard are recued and rehabilitated with their parents

Table -5 : Details of children in Shelter home

Current Status	No of children
Enrolled in ITI	3
Enrolled in School	44
Enrolled in college	3
Other Homes	23
Job	9
Reunited with family	61
Inmates (April - 30)	30
Total	173

ACTIVITIES

MOTIVATION AND TRAINING

Children are trained in child rights, health and hygiene, life skills etc. Motivation sessions are also conducted regularly to aid them to set their goals and dream high. These sessions have helped the children to identify their talents and pursue their vision. We have had many volunteers who came forward to motivate the children. The children are highly motivated by the volunteers. During summer residential motivation camps are conducted which helps the children to ventilate, come out of their regular circle and enjoy. The trainings and inputs given in this camp have greater effect among the children.



Motivation session was organized on 26th March by Arunodhaya. 14 children from shelter home participated in the session. Inspiring Elango who is visually challenged was called as a resource person. As mentioned in his name his very appearance inspired every child in the hall. He motivated the children through songs. Children enjoyed the session and they were made ready to face any challenges that come through their life.

Sessions on child rights, personality development were organised once in a month.

Awareness on Constitution of India

An awareness session on Constitution of India was organised by volunteers from I volunteer on 9th Feb. 2017. Through games and exercises the children were led to understand the salient features of the Constitution.



A session based on the ill effects of drugs was held on the 29th September in the shelter home for boys. 15 boys and 3 staff participated in the training. The shelter home boys gained awareness on the ill-effects of drug. They also shared that they had never used drugs and substances. A chart describing ill-effects of drugs was displayed at shelter home which created a abhorrence on drugs.

Training on sexual abuse, awareness on HIV infection and homosexuality was conducted to inmates of shelter home. Through the session children with homosexuality problem was identified and counseled.



Health and Hygiene

Healthy and nutritious food is provided to the children every day. Health check up was organised every month with the support of Chennai Corporation Primary Health Centre. Children with special illness were referred to hospital for treatment.

In collaboration with Welcare Diagnostic services lab, a blood group testing camp was organized on 19th Feb 2017 at Shelter home. All children's blood group and weight were taken.



Volunteers from Hotel Taj Coramandal screened an Animation movie on health and hygiene. They also distributed hygiene kits to the children. Snacks prepared by Taj chefs were distributed to the children after the session



CREATIVE AND RECREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Creative and recreative activities were organised to explore the talents and potentials of the children. Special drawing classes have been organised for children who showed interest in drawing. A cultural team has been formed trained in traditional folk dances and street play.



Play equipments such as balls, swings and indoor game materials have been provided for recreation. Foot ball training was organised for children interested in Foot ball. 11 children from shelter home are going to Foot Ball coaching classes at Foot ground, Mullai nagar. The classes are held every morning from 5.00 am to 6.00 am. Foot ball shoes, knee pad and jerseys are provided for these children.

Children are encouraged to participate in sports and cultural events conducted by other organisations. 24 children from shelter home participated in the sports meet – 'Koodivilaiyadu' organized by Concern India on 6th Jan 2017. Children participated in running race and relay and won championship in junior and senior group. Children won two cycles and 20 medals and 15 certificate of honor. This event created a good opportunity for children to exhibit their talents. Children shouted with joy while returning to shelter home with medals and prize.



National days such as Independence day and Republic day were celebrated with hoisting of flag and cultural programme by children. Festivals such as Deepavali, Pongal and Christmas were celebrated.

Monitoring and Adminsitraion of Shelter home

Officials from Chennai corporation visit the shelter home regularly to monitor the functioing.

On 9th March 2017, Social audit team from Chennai Corporation visited shelter home and audited the shelter home. They also spoke with the children and gathered their needs. Children requested for new toilets, play area and a study room. They have promised the children to do it in future.



To ensure children participation in the functioning of the Shelter home Children committees such as Health, Education, Hygiene, food, and Administration have been formed. They meet once a week and provide their suggestion for effective functioning of the Shelter home. This facilitated children to take ownership of shelter home.

Shelter Home Monitoring Committee Meeting was organized every month area leader, Parents, SHG members and staff participated in the meeting.

Shelter home Enhancement

TATA Community Initiatives Trust (TCIT) supported with study materials, recreational materials and basic amenities for residents of the shelter home.

Kalyanmai Women welfare Association of AAI supported Arunodhaya Shelter home with Washing Machine and Education materials.

Shelter home walls were painted with the support of Candles volunteers. Children suggested painting dolls and cartoon characters on the wall. The volunteers helped the children to paint the walls. It was fun filled experience for the children.



4. CHILD PARTICIPATION

4.1. Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam

Among the rights enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) the right to participation remains a vital link to other rights such as survival, development and protection. To enable children to exercise their right to participation, Arunodhaya Children Sangam was initiated in the year 2001. Starting with 10 sangams now it has grown into 78 units with a strong membership of 2143 children and has emerged as Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam (CACS). “*The children will gain an understanding on their own rights and their contribution to the society that as they grow they will be a strong force against child labour and advocate for the promotion of the rights of all children*”. aims at children understand their rights and the importance of their contribution to the society. Participate directly in the problems of the society and to address issues related to their rights. It is an organisation by children, of children and for children. In this children get elected through a democratic process and lead the organisation.

Structure of CACS

The basic unit of CACS is the area level sangam. The leaders at area level are elected once in six months. The area level unit meets once in a month, identify issues of concern and plan on actions to be taken. Information dissemination, capacity building and facilitation is done by the field worker from Arunodhaya.

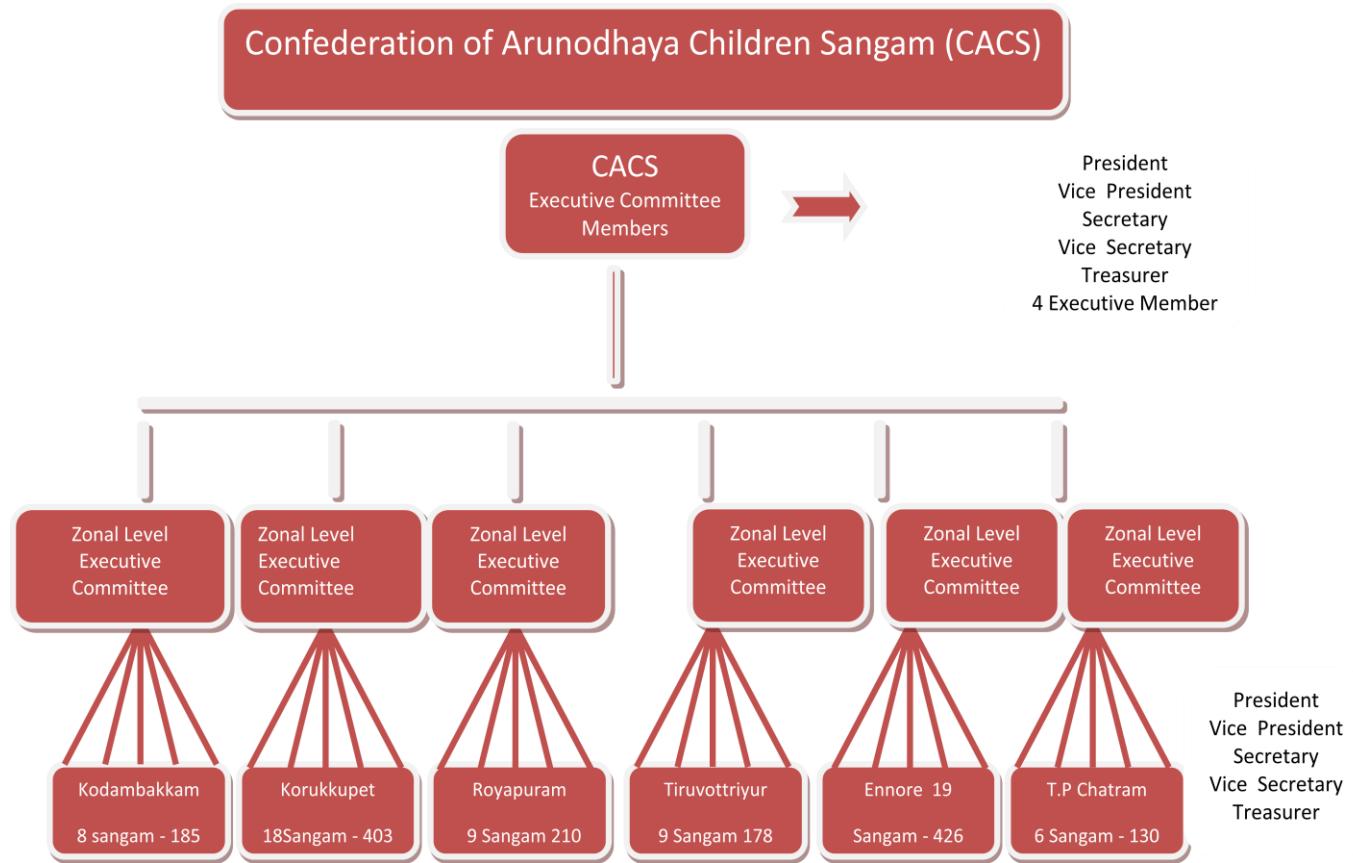
The second level is the Zonal committee. It consists of elected representatives from area level units. The zonal committee is led by the leaders who are elected once in a year. The zonal committee meets once in three months and takes the responsibility of addressing zonal level issues, organising zonal events.

The third level is the Confederation net work. Representatives from zonal committees are members of the Network. Care is taken to see that all area level unit has representation. The network is led by the executive committee elected once in a year.

The executive committee members

P. Arun Kumar, *President*
L. Swetha, *Vice President*
R. Lingesh, *Secretary*
L. Divya Bharathi, *Asst. Secretary*
S. Akash, *Treasurer*
Rupiksha, committee members
Ramya, committee members
Sujitha, committee members



Figure 15 - Structure of CACS

Support Groups

Support groups have been formed at area and zonal levels to strengthen CACS and build sustainability of the interventions.

Figure 16 - CACS Support Groups

Peer supporters

Peer supporters play a role in strengthening CACS at area level. In each area level unit as 3-5 children volunteer to be Peer supporters. Each Peer supporter takes the responsibility for 5-6 children. The role of Peer supporters is to ensure the participation of children in CACS meeting, bring new members, orient them on the functioning of CACS, motivate children especially girl children to participate in capacity building and advocacy actions. Peer supporters training was organised in the month of Dec. 2016 to enable the Peer supporters to function effectively.

Young facilitators

Young facilitators training is conducted every month in the month of May. They are oriented on the theme taken for action for the year. They take the responsibility of conducting area level planning camp and facilitate in organising zonal level advocacy actions.

Zonal leaders

Zonal leadership is strengthened through zonal level leadership trainings. The zonal leaders take the responsibility of conducting the area level meetings. They play an active role in organising area level and zonal level events.

Figure 17 - Capacity Building



Young Facilitators training

Young facilitators training was held from 23rd – 25th May, 2016. 50 children representing the six zones participated in the training. The objective of the training is to enhance the knowledge of the children on issues related to child abuse and child protection. The abuse of children through social media was presented and the children were given information on how to protect themselves. Discussion was held on Child Rights promotion communities. Children listed out the indicators for declaring communities as child rights promotion communities. Training on team building and communication skill was also included. At the end of the training the children prepared the schedule for conducting the area level training.



Leadership Training

Leadership training was organised from 27th to 28th May, 2016. Children were selected from 6 zones by the young facilitators. 200 children participated in the training. They were trained on leadership qualities, roles and responsibilities of good leader and outcome of good leadership

Zonal leaders training

Zonal level training on child protection was held in Korukkupet in the month of August. 50 children participated in the training. Children were asked to share child protection issues in their area. They pointed out to early marriage, substance abuse, beating of children, corporal punishment in schools. They also shared how they have been addressing these issues. For e.g. contacting Childline1098 for reporting early marriage instances. Discussion was held on Child rights promotion communities.

Area level planning camps

The young facilitators conducted area level planning camps were held in the month of May. The children identified child protection issue in their area and drew the plan for the year.

Cultural refresher training

25 children and adolescents participated in the training which was held for four days. They were trained on Miming.

Exchange and Exposure programme

Bridging the gap

Children from CACS had an opportunity to participate in an exchange programme 'Bridging the gap' organised by Wind dancers. The programme was held from 8th to 16th May 2016 at Lucknow, U.P. Nearly 200 children from different parts of India participated in the programme. It was a combination of children from affluent families and from underprivileged group. Through games and exercises children were led to appreciate each other. Gender issues were discussed and the children were led to imbibe the quality of gender equality. It was a great experience for the children to interact with children from different states and from different background. Ten children along with two staff members participated in the programme. They shared their experiences at the area level meetings.

Exchange with Shaishav

Ms. Parul, from Shaishav, Gujarat visited Arunodhaya from 12th 17th Aug. 2016 and interacted with children sangam members. The purpose of the visit is to document the experience of Arunodhaya children sangam as part of a larger documentation of child –led organisations in India. Ms. Parul shared the experience of Balsena- a child-led organisation initiated by Shaishav. She had a discussion with Children sangam at Tiruvottiyur, met with local Councillor, parents, teachers and community leaders. She had a detailed discussion with the Children sangam confederation network members on the origin and functioning of Arunodhaya Children sangam. She also met with former children sangam members and the staff.

Visit to Child help desk at Egmore railway station

20 children visited the childhelp desk at Egmore railway station in the month of March 2017 to get exposed to the reality of children abandoned and the functioning of Childline and childhelp desk. Area level meetings were organised once in a month.



ADVOCACY ACTIONS

Advocacy against child labour

The Government of India has passed a legislation to amend the present Child labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act,1986. Though the amendment bans all forms of child labour up to the age of 14 years, it has many clauses which is detrimental to children. The provision allowing children to work before and after school hours and during holidays is a great loop hole which will draw many children into labour force. Besides children in the age group 15-18 years are allowed to work except in three hazardous category. This amendment Act was discussed at the zonal meetings and the children drew out a petition to the President of India not to give his assent to the bill. But unfortunately the bill has been passed.

The State legal services authority organised anti child labour day programme in the month of June. Arunodhaya was part of the planning team. A rally, exhibition and consultation were part of the programme. 50 children from Arunodhaya participated in the Rally. 'Parai' was played by the cultural team. The photographs taken by children were displayed. The Judges from the High court visited the exhibition and children explained to them on the denial of rights to children. During the consultation, a Mime play on child labour was presented by the cultural team.

Picture of state legal service authority



Anti child labour rally was organised at zonal level to commemorate International day against child labour.

Advocacy on education

Enrolment campaign was organised in collaboration with the schools. The community was made aware of the importance of enroling children in school. The Cultural team performed 'Parai' and Mimi play.

As a result of the advocacy effort high school has been sanctioned at AIR site. But still there is a delay in the implementation of the order. Hence further advocacy is needed.

RO Water facility was installed in Kathivakkam, Ennore, Ernaur, Nettu Kuppam, Thazhankuppam Government School. New toilet facility was constructed in Kathivakkam High school after CACS children raised the issue in SMC committee. At AIR Site School Toilets were constructed at primary school after our intervention with Tiruvallur Collector.

Children participated in SMC meting every month and raised issues on improper infrastructure, water problem and school drop outs. In many schools children are given more importance in decision making.

Advocacy against child abuse

In AIR site which is a relocation site where coastal communities have been relocated by the government, a 3 yrs. Old girl was kidnapped and murdered for the sake of the silver ornaments worn by the child. This was done by the person well known to the family and who stays in the opposiet block. Due to the intervention of the community volunteers police action was immediately taken to arrest the offender. Compensation was obtained for the family. Following this incident an awareness programme was conducted in the community in partnership with District Child Protection Unit.

Advocacy on child protection in school

CACS organises awareness programme on 16th July of every year to commemorate the Kumbakonam school fire accident day and advocate for child protection in school. A press meet addressed by children was held on 16th July at Chennai press club. It had a good coverage on Television channels and Print media. Later on 28th July the petition to declare 16th July as Child protection day was presented to the Education minister. Awareness programmes were organised in Deivasigamani school, Sathyamoorthy school, and Municipality school in Tiruvottiyur zone. Similary in Korukkupet programmes were organised at Vallalar school and Sacred heart school.

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12 years after Kumbakonam fire, many schools lack safety measures: Activists



Chennai: It's been 12 years since 94 children lost their lives in a tragic fire accidents in a Kumbakonam school, but many schools sadly continue to function without adequate safety measures in place.

Educationists say many schools still lack infrastructure and basic facilities.

In the case of the accident at Sri Krishna Middle School on July 16, 2004, the thatched roof of the kitchen caught fire and spread to a thatched classroom filled with children.

Recalling the incident on Saturday, members of the Arunodhaya Centre for Street and Working Children in Chennai, who work with schools, said very few campuses had compound walls, emergency exits, playgrounds or separate area for preparing meals. "Big halls are converted into classrooms with no partition so multiple classes are conducted. There are water bodies near schools which are very risky. But until a child falls into it or is injured, nobody will bother to take precautions," said executive director Virgil D' Sami, adding that basic RTE guidelines were not followed in many schools.

Others said disregard for safety was evident in several government schools in north Chennai areas like Ennore, Mannadi or R Nagar. Funds were available but the will to rectify issues was lacking, they said. "When government institutions are considered of good quality at the collegiate level, why is it that the same is not applicable to primary government schools," asked Sami.

Urging the government to declare July 16 'Child Protection Day' the centre has put out a list of demands for the school education department. They include allocation of government funds for child safety, quality playgrounds, appointment of adequate teachers, complaint box in schools, safety precautions in labs/classrooms, good toilet facilities and positive disciplining without corporal punishment among others.

In Tiruvannamalai, students of Government Arts College offered floral tributes to the children killed in the 2004 fire.



Advocacy against drug abuse

CACS Annual Convention on the theme ‘ Protect children from drug abuse ‘ was held on 27th Jan. 2017. 320 Children, 30 staff and 20 former CACS members participated in the convention. The Convention programme was planned and organized by the children. The executive committee took the responsibility of coordinating. Different committees such as reception, food, venue, chief guest, programme etc. were formed with children and they took up the responsibility with the support of the staff. The CACS children created a Human chain of sarees that they had painted themselves highlighting some of the key issues of drug abuse. The sarees were displayed along the road, with the children holding them and chanting enthusiastically their own chants of awareness for the public. The chain was 1.5km long and lasted for 20 Minutes. The children had great joy in displaying their work, and the Public looked at the decorated sarees with great interest and surprise.



TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Training on ROBO Making

‘Knowledge Tech Educate’ an organisation that conducts workshop on Robo making for children in elite schools came forward to organize the training for underprivileged kids. 75 children from children sangam participated in the training



Mobile planetarium

With the support of edutech Mobile planetarium was organised in Tiruvottiyur and Korukkupet on 4th and 5th October. 1000 children had the opportunity to visit the planetarium. It was a new experience for the children as many of them have never visited the Planetarium.

CACS representatives had the opportunity to participate in the function organised at Governor’s house on 30th June 2016 to mark the release of UNICEF annual report ‘Children - a fair chance for every children’. After the function the children interacted with the UNICEF chief



4.2. CHILDREN NAGARA SABAI

Children nagara sabai initiated to ensure child participation in local governance. It has been organised in 25 wards of Chennai Corporation. 10 children are elected as child councilars in each ward and there are 250 child councillors. Children nagara sabai meetings were conducted four times during the year. Issues related to children are brought forth and presented by children to the Local councilor, community leaders and municipality officials. Children have developed a good rapport with the Municipal Ward councilors and community leaders. Child councillors proposed various infrastructure development to the Ward Councilars and Government officials and have achieved in getting new street lights, proper drainage connections, new roads and also a better school infrastructure.

“I live in Thiruvotriyur, I am ward level councilor. In my area the roads were very bad and it was difficult for many children to go to school. During ward level meeting we gave a petition to our councilor. Immediately within a week new roads were laid.” Jagadeesh Balaji (15 years), Trivotriyur.

Table -6 : Details of Children Nagara Sabai

S.No.	Zone name	Ward No	Area Name
1	Thiruvottiyur	1	Thazhankuppam
2	Thiruvottiyur	7	Annamalai nagar Rajajinagar karkil nagar
3	Thiruvottiyur	3	AIR Site , suthandhirapuram Lakshmipuram
4	Thiruvottiyur	6	Rajasanmugam nagar,sivajinagar
5	Thiruvottiyur	9	Thiruvotriyur kuppam
6	Thiruvottiyur	41	JJ nagar,Anna Nagar, Thiruvallur Nagar,MGR Nagar, Kannagi nagar , Chandharsakara Nagar, Ezhil Nagar.
7	Tondiarpet	42	Seniyaman nagar, Thilagar nagar.
8	Tondiarpet	47	Meenambal Nagar, BharthiNagar ,Jeeva Nagar, Ambethkar Nagar, Sigaranthapalayam
9	Tondiarpet	48	Vanarapettai
10	Tondiarpet	38	Nehru nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Durgadevi nagar, Nethaji nagar.
11	Royapuram	52	Bishop Line ,Modal line, Meenachiammanpet, Chetty thottam,
12	Anna Nagar	103	Kamarajar nagar, Jothiammal Nagar
13	Anna Nagar	100	Tp chathram (MGR colony)
14	Anna Nagar	99	Tp chathram (MGR colony)
15	Kodambakkam	136	Dhanakottiyammal thotam, Rajapillai thottam, Muthureddy thottam
16	Kodambakkam	134	Kodambakkam (sherkhan thottam)
17	Shozhinganallur	200	Semmancherry
18	Tondiarpet	43	Kasimedu
19	Royapuram	50	Kasimedu
20	Teynampet	110	Chethpet
21	Adyar	173	Srinivasapuram
22	Adyar	173	Srinivasapuram
23	Teynampet	125	Nochi Kuppam
24	Shozhinganallur	195	Kannagi Nagar
25	Shozhinganallur	195	Kannagi Nagar

Activities

One Day Training for child Councilors

One day training for child councilors was organized for 150 children in 3 batches. 50 children from Wards 173, 195, 125, 43 and 50 participated in the training organized at ICSA on 20th May 2016. Children were informed on national child policy, communication skills.

One day training for child councilors from Wards 1,7,3,6,41,42,38,136,173,125,43



was organized on 20th May 2016. Young took session on National child policy and communication skills. Ms Mala facilitated the training.

Ward level election

Election was organized in 6 wards. Overall 1,046 children voted for their favorite candidates. During this election we found the involvement of parents and community members very effective. In Nettukuppam the election was completely organized by the community members. The community leaders also requested for a reelection as rumors spread on double voting by children. Some parents said that this is a model election for the upcoming municipal election.



Ward Level Meeting

Ward level meeting was organized on Jan 26, April 30, Aug 15 and Nov 14 in this year in all the wards. During the meeting ward councilor, school HM, CBO's and Police participated the meeting children submitted their demands to the stake holders.



Children Nagara Sabai Convention

Children Nagara Sabai Convention was held on 28th Dec. 2016. 229 child councilors from 23 wards participated in the convention. Representatives from each Ward presented their achievement and placed their unmet demands. Ward Councilars and Chairman of Tiruvottiyur zone were present and listented to the children. The adult councilars appreciated the functioning of Children nagara sabai and assured their support.



4.3. School Children Council

School Children Council is a new initiative taken during this year. With the support of School teachers, School Children Council has been formed in 11 schools.

Table -7 : Details of School Children Council

S.No	Zone	School Name
1	Korukkupet	CMC Minambal Nagar
2	Korukkupet	CMC R.R. Nagar
3	Korukkupet	CMC MGR Nagar
4	Korukkupet	CMC Patel Nagar
5	Korukkupet	CMC Stanly Nagar
6	Korukkupet	CMC Anna Nagar
7	Korukkupet	CMC J.J. Nagar
8	Korukkupet	CMC Harinarayananapuram
	Korukkupet	CMC Coronation Nagar
9	Tiruvottiyur	CMC Sathyamoorthy Nagar
10	Tiruvottiyur	CMC Therady
11	Tiruvottiyur	CMC Jayagopal Garodia
13	Tiruvottiyur	CMC Deivasigamani
14	Tiruvottiyur	CMC Kargil Nagar
15	Ennore	CMC Kathivakkam
16	Ennore	CMC AIR Site

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Organising Women

Women were organized towards social and economic empowerment. Programmes were implemented to build the capacity of women, create awareness, enhance economic status, empowerment to prevent violence against women, gaining recognition as workers and be the Change agent.

Mahalir Sangams

241 women from Chemmencherry registered in welfare board. Women sangam in chemmencherry organized eye camp, general health camp, diabetic camp and 723 women got benefited out of these camps. 87 women were referred for various jobs in garment, housekeeping, driving, and domestic work by sangam members to ensure women's empowerment.

Spoken English training organized for women in Semmanchery with the support of TCS volunteers

SELF HELP GROUPS

Self help groups have been formed among women to inculcate the habit of saving and provide opportunities for easy credit linkages. 124 SHGs are functioning with a membership 2130 members. Their total savings is Rs. 35,28,000/. This year 3 new groups were formed. 1293 members are doing various income generation programs.

Table -8: Self Help Groups

S.No	Zone	No Of Groups	Total Members	Total Savings
1	Korukkupet	42	640	7,44,000
2	Thiruvotiyur	28	435	6,96,000
3	Royapuram	15	300	6,00,000
4	Kodambakkam	15	300	9,78,500
5	T. P Chitram	6	110	1,44,000
6	Ennore	15	300	3,60,000
7	Chemmecherry	3	45	6000.00
		124	2130	35,28,000

- 3 SHG Women put stalls during Chennai trade fair organized by Tourism Department. They also displayed their handicraft materials in Queen Maris College and Mother Theresa School
- 7 group members are working in Amma Canteen.
- International women's Day was celebrated in all Zones with their contribution. 15 SHG members participated in Hello FM and spoke about women safety.

16 Days Activism

From 20th Nov 2016 to 10th Dec 2016 programmes were organised to break the stereotyping of women and reclaim public space for women.

Nila Soru

On 25th Nov. Women came out in the night at 10.00 pm and had food in public places like beach, park and road. Women cooked food and shared it with all the women and enjoyed eating under moon light together. 160 women participated in the event which took place in Ennore, Korrukkupet and Kodambakkam.



Training on feminism

On 28th Nov. Training on feminism was organized on 28th Nov for Arunodhaya staff. Ms. Sangeetha, Director, Wind dancer was the resource person. She spoke about sex and gender, media sensitivity on gender and the right to say 'NO' for women. After the training staff planned to take the session in children sangam and adolescent area level meetings.



Training on women legislation

On 27th Nov training on women legislation was organized at Kanikovil for women. Ms. Rosaline Helen, Advocate was the resource person. She spoke about domestic violence act and land rights of women. 60 women participated in the training and got empowered.



Tea Shop for Women 56 Women gathered together at 7 tea shops near their area and had tea reading news paper and chit chatting. Posters and banners creating awareness on gender equality.

Day out for Tribal women

23 Tribal women were taken for a exposurer visit to mahabalipuram. This was the first time these women have come out without their husbands. During the visit, Ms S. Suganthi and Ms. Cithra spoke about unpaid care work and gave awerness on the importance of girl child education. This was a memorable visit.



Women Resource Centre

Women resource centre was started at in two relocation area (AIR site and Kanagi nagar in 2014) in the year 2014 to ensure women's safety and women's right. Domestic violence is one of the main issues as most of the people living are addicted to alcohol and drugs. A committee of 6 members (police, Advocate, Doctor, Counselor, Social workers and HMC committee member) was formed to support women in times of crisis. 496 women have been benefitted from this resource centre. FLLRC team members visited one stop crisis centre in Bhopal on 4th and 5th Nov 2016. Representatives from each partners participated in the visit. The centre is run directly by Action Aid with the support of health department and Ministry of women and Child development. The team also visited the shelter home located in government hospital for the victims.



Domestic Workers Association

Domestic workers association aims at gaining dignity, recognition and respect to domestic work. There are 1030 members and 1004 have registered with Domestic workers welfare board. Welfare board benefits such as education support, marriage assistance, maternity support and old age pension are obtained for the members. 43 women were entitled under various schemas through welfare board.

Domestic workers day celebrated in Kodambakkam.

COMMUNITY CHILD RIGHTS MONITORING COMMITTEE

Community Child Rights Monitoring Committee comprises of representatives from children sangam, Youth forum and Mahalir Sangam. There are 10 groups. Trainings were organised to build up the capacity of the members. CCRMC members took a survey in their area on the status of child rights. Based on the analysis 5 places were declared as Child Rights Promotion Area. CCRMC team will take ownership and ensure that every child is assured of its rights and dignity.

Advocacy Against The North Chennai Thermal Power Station

On 9th April leaders from 6 villages had meeting at Kattu kuppam regarding the environmental problem that effects fish production and health of the people living around thermal power station. They decided to give petition to do ash test and water test by the government officials.

CCRMC members of each village took up the issue and did advocacy work. Members of CCRMC in the presence of local community leaders, Judges, and Doctors took four air samples for test. These samples were taken from villages of Kattukuppam, Mughathwara Kuppam, Athipattu and Ernavur from around the cluster of thermal power plants located in Ennore. All samples were taken from rooftops of residential homes in these villages within 2-3 km radius of the nearest plant. The results revealed that Manganese, Lead and Arsenic levels in four villages are exceeding the normal limit.

Based on these findings, CCRMC demands the following immediate action from the Tamil Nadu Government in the Ennore region:

1. Initiate continuous and long-term monitoring of emissions in Ennore region and publish the results periodically and issue advisories.
2. Provide the long term health monitoring by initiating health studies among the residents of villages and workers in and around Ennore, North Chennai.
3. Set up specialized health care infrastructure operated by the Government health department to cater Ennore residents and factory workers.

On 11th April press meet was held where the leaders and CCRMC members addressed the press highlighting the issues. They highlighted how women health is spoiled.

A campaign “Aaru Engal Yuir” was taken by 6 villages and CCRMC members towards cleaning up of Buckingham canal and Kosaathalai River. A case was filed and received a judgement in favour of the people. Now the cleaning process is done by the government. Awareness program to keep the river clean was conducted in all the villages.

Coastal women collective

852 women have registered in the women fish workers collective.

Exposure Visit to Visakapatnam

Ten community leaders and 6 staff members attended the training on Fisher women collective at Visakapatnam from 1st October to 3rd October. The trainees learned what are the entire scheme from central Government, how to develop fisher women community and how to make profit in fishery business.



Society

6017 members are enrolled in society till now. 2000 members were newly enrolled this year. Registration was open for inland fishermen this year, Meeting and forms were distributed in Athipet and Sadayankuppam Tribal Village for registering in society. Women received saving cum relief fund of Rs 2700.

Women society meeting was conducted every month in all area. Central government has developed a mobile application for fisheries. This application can work without network through GPS connections. It shows India Srilanka border, information about sea shore, information on shark fish availability zone, traditional fishing zones and way tracking facility is available. Awareness about this App was given in the society meeting.

Free house scheme was announced for society Members where government will build house in their own land if not they will give houses at government land for the marginalized. 1300 members applied under this scheme.

After verdha cyclone the list of damages caused was collected with the support of society members. The government officials visited and reported that there was no damages caused. Society members gave petition to collector and made the Chief Minister to come and visit the area. A meeting was organised at Kathivakkam Govt School for society members with the Minister. After the meeting Rs 33000 per family who owns the boat damage and 10000 Rs for net damage were given.

Training on First aid and disaster management and Pickle making was given for society leaders. 48 boats that were not registered in fisheries were registered by society members. This will entitle them to receive all the benefits from fisheries department.

On 28th March the oil spill supposedly from two ships that collided near the Ennore Port spread along the shore. Government announced compensation only for men. This issue was taken up by women society leaders and submitted a petition to Fisheries director to include women for relief compensation. He has promised to do so.

Land and Housing issues

After the continuous follow up, the village chairman gave permission to build houses in the new area. Ten families have built their own house in 30X30 square feet space. Now they are staying happily with their family and children.

When sharing their experience Ms. Pongodi says:



“Now I am so happy, I feel very content, I have got my own house more privacy, toilets and space for me to plant trees. Thank you for making us understand our rights. I didn’t realize what is my rights, I used to be silent as men never included us in any meeting. Arunodhaya called me for the meetings (CCRMC meeting). I used to attend regularly and motivated to speak up for my rights’.

During CCRMC meeting Women and adolescent girls requested for bathrooms as sadayankuppam had only toilets and no bathing room. A petition was submitted to VO for the construction of bathrooms. In the month of December 3 bathrooms have been constructed by the government.

Election manifesto was submitted to ADMK and DMK candidate by the community members.

Housing Monitoring Committee

HMC in collaboration with TNSCB was registered as ‘Adduku madi kudierupor sangam’ under society registration Act in the year 2015. On Dec 1st 2016 HMC received the registration no - 371/2016.



A survey was conducted in 133 blocks on the status of water tank, water pipe and drainage pipes. 104 water pipes were damaged. This report was submitted to AE, AD and EE. TNSCB installed bore which was cost effective than changing the pipes. Again a complaint was raised by the community members and HMC not to install bore as it is difficult to take water from ground floor. After the complaint they stopped installing bore. Now new water pipes is been installed. TNSCB has promised to repair water tank and drainage pipes.

78 families NS Bose Road was evicted and relocated to AIR site. HMC visited these families and ensured that all the children are enrolled in school.

HMC committee with the support of youth cleared all the trees that were uprooted during the cyclone. After the Verdha cyclone AIR site did not get the current for 5 days. HMC members and community members raised a complaint to EB officials and received power immediately.

A new tarmac shop which the government planned to start inside AIR site was removed by HMC members

Sponsorship

Arunodhaya collaborated with United Way of Chennai to support 100 children who were most affected by Chennai flood in 2016. Through this program children gained educational support, medical support and recreational support.

One hundred children from 7th std onwards have been identified. These children are from families affected by flood, residing in Thiruvallur district and studying in government school.

100 children who were most affected by flood whose bag, uniform and books were spoiled got new education kit. This motivated them to continue their education after the disaster. 100 children got School Bag, writing pad, atlas, zip folder file, long size note book, lunch box with bag, water bottle, eraser, pen, cartridge pen set, pencil, pouch, stapler with pins, sharpener, geometry box, foot ruler, sketch pens, water colour, pencil box. Two sets of uniform were given to all the sponsorship children according to their school uniform colour. The uniforms were stitched with the measurement given by the children.



Coaching Classes

Coaching Classes were organised for children studying up to 10th std. children studying in 11th and 12th std are attending private tuitions. Children gathered in 3 places (Thiruvotriyur, AIR site and Kanikoil) in the evening and studied their school subjects, did their home and clarified their doubts. All the children passed the half yearly exams and many scored good marks. Birthdays of children coming to tuitions were celebrated at the centre. From January the schools had special classes as annual exams were nearing, hence children didn't gather in Thiruvotriyur and Kanikovil. At AIR site children gather by themselves during the evenings to do group study.

The Coaching classes were held in the following Places

Table -9 : Coaching Classes

Place	No of Children
Kani koil (Ennore)	27
AIR site	25
Saravanan Nagar, Thiruvotriyur	23
Private Studies	25
Total	100

Picnic - Crocodile Bank, Mahabalipuram and Planetarium

Sponsorship children were taken for picnic to Crocodile Bank, Mahabalipuram and Planetarium. 100 children from Ennore, Thiruvotriyur and Sadayankuppam accompanied by 6 staff went by 2 buses on 18th Dec 2016 and 29th March 2017. During our discussion with the children earlier, they desired to go to beach and Crocodile Park. In this regard a trip was planned to crocodile bank and Mahabalipuram.

Children while crossing marina beach wished to pay tribute to our former Chief Minister Selvi Jayalalitha. So the children were taken to her burial site, a few minutes of silent prayer was done and then proceeded crocodile bank.

Visit to the Madras Crocodile Bank

Children were taken to Madras crocodile bank one of the largest reptile zoos in the world. Children went around the zoo in awe and saw many crocodiles and different kinds of reptiles. The park was affected by Vardha Cyclone due to which many places inside the bank were restricted to visit. Many children recollected the pictures what they had in the books and compared them with real amphibians. They were able to identify the scientific name of reptiles written in the name board. The children acquired good realistic knowledge in reptile world relating to zoology.

Visit to Mahabalipuram

Children visited Mahabalipuram an ancient historic place which depicts many incidents in Mahabharata. Children visited the park and had lunch. Egg Biryani and curd rice was served to the children. After a quick lunch they took pictures near the balancing rock locally called as 'Krishna's Butter Ball' which confront the theory of gravity. They also saw many sculptures which is the UNESCO (The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) world heritage. Children visited the light house and Pancha Rathas made out of single stone each and played in the beach sand.



During the end of the day children were gathered together and Ms. S. Cithra, Thematic facilitator Arunodhaya spoke about the importance of education and motivated them to study well.



This was a fun filled experience for the children. Many children who were not able to afford for their school picnic program felt happy and they had a memorable day. There were fights and misunderstanding among the children but in the end of the day they learnt to share, adjust and be friendly.

Visit to Planetarium

On 29th March 100 children were taken to planetarium for picnic. Children enjoyed 3D magic show and solar system visualization. They also learnt about Indian scientist, water bodies and nature. Children played in the park available inside the planetarium. In the end of the enjoyable day, children refused to return back to their home. Children were given chicken biriyani for lunch. For all the children this was the first experience to planetarium.

"I was not able to go to many picnics organized in my school as my parents couldn't support me. Today I was so happy especially when I played with my friends in the beach. I also was able to relate what I studies in history – the statues of Pallava Empire. Thank you so much". S. Balaji, Thiruvotriyur, 022

"I belong to a tribal community and I have never been to any place outside my village, this is the first time I have come out for site seeing. It was a wonderful experience. Everything I saw was beautiful. I thank Arunodhaya and UWC for giving me this opportunity" S. M. Muthammal, Sadayankuppam, 01

"It was a memorable day for me. I learnt many things about space, human origin and maths. I am happy because I learnt it with fun. I have never been to planetarium before. I will go back to me school and request them to take all the children to planetarium instead of amusement parks". B. Vignesh , 002



Personality Grooming Sessions

Motivation session on goal setting

Motivation sessions on goal setting and building self confidence was organized on 27th sep 2016. The session was held in two batches. 89 children participated in the session and understood the importance of goal setting. During the session group activity was conducted which facilitated children to learn the importance of goal setting. They were also taught about SMART goals. Children were asked to write their goal which satisfies the SMART goals. The goals prepared by the children were requested to paste it in their house. In the final session SWOT analysis was done through which children were able to analyse their strength, weakness, opportunities and treats.

Motivation session by Inspiring Ilango

Motivation session was organized on 26th March from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30. pm for sponsorship children. 100 sponsorship children and 30 children from Arunodhaya Children Sangam participated in the program. With the support of UWC, Inspiring Ilango was called as a resource person. As mentioned in his name his very appearance inspired every child in the hall. In an innovative way he motivated the children through songs followed by a small message. The second half of his session Children raised question about his collage life, how he overcame his problems, what motivated him to inspire other. He answered all the questions and encouraged each student who raised questions. This session created a positive spark in their life and they have to be continuously motivated. Children enjoyed the session and they were made ready to face any challenges that come through their life. Snacks were provided for children after the program.

“I always thought that I had many problems but when I saw him I got encouraged to overcome my problems that were nothing”. S. Suriya, Ennore



Medical Camp

In collaboration with health department, DMS a health camp was organized on 28th March 2017. General health camp, skin care, dental screening and eye care booth were organized. 100 sponsorship children and 22 children from the community participated in the health camp. 6 children were referred to buy spectacles and 1 child for psychiatric counseling. As a follow up spectacles were brought for 6 children and one child is taken for regular counseling.



Follow up of 10th and 12th students

From sponsorship children 9 children wrote their 12th exams and 14 children appeared for 10th examination. Home visits were done for these children and motivated them to overcome fear and write the exams well. Continuous follow up was done to make sure that all the students write their exams well. Follow up will be done to ensure higher education for these children.

Recreational Material Support

To encourage children in recreational activities and to motivate their talents, recreational materials were distributed for 42 children who were interested and going for sports coaching classes. Materials like foot ball, volley ball sports shoes, chess board, carom board, foot ball shoes, ring ball with net, ball badminton and skipping was brought to the children.



“I am a member of tennis team in my school, I have gone to state level tournament and won 2nd prize for my school. But I didn’t have my own badminton. Thanks to Arunodhaya for the new badminton they gave me. Now I can practice more and win more”.
K. Tharunkumar (14 years) 10th std, Ref No – 042

“My father left us when I was studying 8th std. After that my mother goes for coolie work and supports my family. I am good in sports and I represent my school in many athletic meet. But I didn’t have proper sports shoe to practice. Now I have got good sports shoe and a ring ball. Thanks to Arunodhaya and UWC.” S. Jeevitha, 10th Std, Ref 038

Micro Insurance

Micro Insurance scheme of LIC is implemented to provide space for saving and support in case of death or other grievous situations. Total policy taken by the community members is 1995 members. 67 members received their maturity amount, 60 members surrendered their policies, 7 members expired and their nominees received the death claim. , Those who received the amount were counseled to use it in an effective way. Many of the families utilized the amount for the education of their children or for renovation of their houses.

Health Support

People in need of health related support are referred to hospitals and other agencies for necessary action.

- 2 years old child was assisted for treatment of kidney problem
- 2 women and 1 man was referred to Cancer hospital for treatment
- Skin camp was held at Thazankuppam, Ennore

ARUNODHAYA PUDHUMAI ILAINGAR IYAKKAM (YOUTH FORUM)

‘The Youth of a Nation are the trustees of posterity’. Benjamin Disraelis

Arunodhaya aims at channelizing the youth force towards constructive and positive actions with a commitment to personal and social development. Various interventions are organized to build the capacity of youth, develop their skills, build positive attitude and grow with social consciousness.

Arunodhaya Pudhumai Ilaingar Iyakkam (APII) has a membership of 1116(716 -boys and 400 girls). Monthly meetings were organized at zonal level. APII is led by the Youth Parliament which consists of representatives elected by the members of APII.

Youth Parliament meets once in two months, review their activities, identify issues and initiate action on it. Modules, 2 youth members have volunteered in 16 areas to sustain the functioning of APII. The Youth parliament also coordinated sports and cultural activities.



Capacity and Skill Development

Training programmes were organized to build the capacity of youth members and develop social consciousness. Leadership training was organized for Youth Parliament members. The members of APII participated in the Life skills trainings organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra. Training on sexual reproductive health was organized for the youth boys. The youth members also benefited from the vocational trainings organized by Arunodhaya and other agencies.

Support to Child Rights

The youth members always volunteered their support to the activities of Arunodhaya in identification of child labour, enrolling children in school, facilitating Children sangam meetings and Ilanthalir meetings and in awareness programmes.

Youth for Gender Equality

Achieving gender equality and stopping violence against women calls for action from both men and women in the society. But many a times, it is only the women who have to keep fighting for their rights. There is a need to build a positive gender perspective among men so that men would respect women and raise their voice against any kind of violence against women. Recognising the need to mould the attitude of young men with a positive gender perspective Arunodhaya worked with youth (boys) volunteers from different areas to develop the perspective, bring about a change in their daily activities and be an inspiration for other youth in the community.

The following activities were organized between 20th Nov 2016 to 10th Dec 2016 to mark the 16 days activism against violence against women.

- Creating the right attitude
- 16 days of respecting, recognizing girls and women in the house, work place and community.
- Organising a community event to share the experience

Creating the right attitude

A training on Building Gender perspective was organized on 20th Nov. '16. with the participation of 24 youth. Ms. Geetha Narayanan, Women activist was the resource person. She facilitated a discussion among the youth and brought out their perspective on women and the need to change this perspective into one of respecting and recognizing women. This need to be done through conscious thought and action. The members planned a series of actions that would be done by them over a period of 16 days to develop a positive gender perspective within themselves and communicate the same with their friends and others

16 days of respectingdur recognizing girls and women in the house, work place and community.

The youth were involved in following activities during the 16 days of activism.

- ✓ Gave one day off for their mothers from household chores and cooking. The boys took up the work.
- ✓ Prepared coffee in the mornings and put kolam in front of the house
- ✓ Appreciated the women in their houses by giving surprise gifts and surprise outings
- ✓ Facilitated the women in their houses to participate in programmes related to 16 days of activism
- ✓ Shared the information on gender equality with other youth boys in their area and in their workplace
- ✓ Literacy training for illiterate women in their community
- ✓ Spent time with aged women in the house and in the community
- ✓ A Whatsapp group titled ‘ Men for change’ was created and the activities done by the youth boys was shared in the group.

“Hi I am Fathima, I am Single women, I never used to go out. But after this training my son took me to Express Avenue and I went to Marina Beach for morning walk. I was so happy. This is the first time I am going out to these places. They have promised me to take me out regularly”. N Fathima, 60 Years.



Organising community events to share the experience

The youth boys organized community events to share their experience of 16 days and to create awareness among the community members.

Kolam competition for youth boys

Kolam competition for youth boys was organized in Korukkupet, Tiruvottiyur and Ennore 32 boys participated in the competition. This broke the stereotype of relating women to kolam. They also promised that they will continue to work to bring gender equality

Awarding women achievers



Youth boys identified 9 single women who have strived to come up as a strong women amidst many troubles. They were awarded as 'Sadhanai Pengal'. The women received the award with a feeling of joy and happiness.



All these events enabled the boys to come out of the stereotyping of women.

Sports Event

Youth are encouraged to participate in sports event. The cricket team from Royapuram participated in the cricket tournament organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra and won the championship. In January the youth boys participated in the Foot ball tournament conducted by Nehru Yuva Kendra and secured first place.



Cultural Events

The youth are trained in cultural activities such as Parai, folk dances, miming and street play. The team is invited by government, NGOs, and other organizations to present cultural programmes. Nearly 30 programmed were done by the cultural team.



Celebration of National Days

The youth were involved in organising Independence day and Republic day programmes in their communities.

Blood donation on Abdu kalam birthday donated blood by 26 youth in Royapuram.

Joy of Giving Celebrations

APII members were involved in the Joy of giving celebration held from 2nd Oct 8th Oct 2016

Youth enjoying with senior citizens

Youth members from APII initiated to celebrate 'Joy of Giving' with the senior citizens at the Monegar Choultry in Royapuram. Around 50 members enjoyed a fun filled evening with the members at the Choultry, dancing and playing games with the senior citizens. The grandpas and grandmas enjoyed the activities of the youth and for the youth it remains a memorable evening. Snacks and sarees were distributed.



Children and youth renovating the Maadi Poonga in Royapuram

With the support of Deputy Commissioner, North Chennai, the youth and children took the initiative in renovating the historic Maadi Poonga in Royapuram. On 9th October a team of 25 youth and children joined the Corporation team in cleaning the Poonga, The presence of the Deputy Commissioner was a great encouragement. The Deputy commissioner has planned to renovate the park in a period of 45 days. After the cleaning work, the team visited the neighbouring slum board tenements and distributed handbills to convey the message of keeping the park clean. It is planned to follow it up with street play and awareness programme to get the support of the people for the maintenance of the park.

Youth volunteered their services with Arunodhaya in fund raising at Petro bunks as part of Joy of Giving Celebration.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT

Vocational trainings are organized to equip women and youth with sustainable livelihood skills to enable them to find better employment opportunities and improve their economic status. The following trainings were organized

- Diploma in Computer Application
- TALLY course
- Spoken English and Life skills
- Garment and Fashion designing
- Handicraft training
- Retail management

The main supporters of the training programmes are CCT-DP World and Tamilnadu Slum Clearance Board.

Diploma in Computer Application (DCA)

DCA is a six month course. The content of the course include basics of computer, MS office, Photoshop, web designing, HTML, CC+ and DTP . 177 students (82 girls and 95 boys) attended the course.

Tally Course

Tally course is of three months duration. Students The syllabus contains Introduction of tally, budget assessment and ledger creation, bills and vouchers enabling students for immediate job placement. 217 (102 boys and 115 girls) students attended the course.

Spoken English and Life Skills

Spoken English and Life skills courses are conducted for students attending DCA., Tally course and garment and fashion designing. Apart from this youth who need training in spoken English and life skills are also enrolled. Totally 524 students (231 girls 293 boys) attended the course Spoken English course is tailor made for different category of students.

“My Name is Shamuga Priya, I am a student of tailoring batch. Through Arunodhaya I learnt to speak little English. During Women’s day celebration I welcomed everyone in English. I went home and spoke to my husband in english, though he laughed he was surprised to see my empowerment. I feel proud of myself. Thanks to Arunodhaya and DP world”. S.Shamuga Priya, Tailoring, II batch

Garment and Fashion Designing

Garment and Fashion designing course of three months duration were conducted at Royapuram, Tiruvottiyur kuppam, Semmanchery and Peumbakkam.

430 women were trained to stitch salwar, modern blouses, skirts, pants and basic tailoring. To improve their creativity handicrafts, embroidery are taught to the students. Women who are marginalized are enrolled in the course.



"I used to be at home taking care of house, child, and husband but never thought of myself. My husband was doesn't allow me to go out and work. I also had family problems as I marriage a person from other caste. My husband earnings were insufficient. I came to tailoring class through my sister who completed tailoring in Arunodhaya. I joined tailoring course in 2016 Jan. My one eye is blind so I could go for other work. I learnt to stitch modern blouses. Now I and my Sister jointly opened a shop at Korukkupet near my in-laws house. I am earning 5000 per month apart from rent and other expenses. For stitching modern blouse I charge Rs 500 to Rs 800. I want learn more and become fashion designer" A Yamini, 25 years, Kanadasan nagar.



Figure 18 - Details of students in vocational training

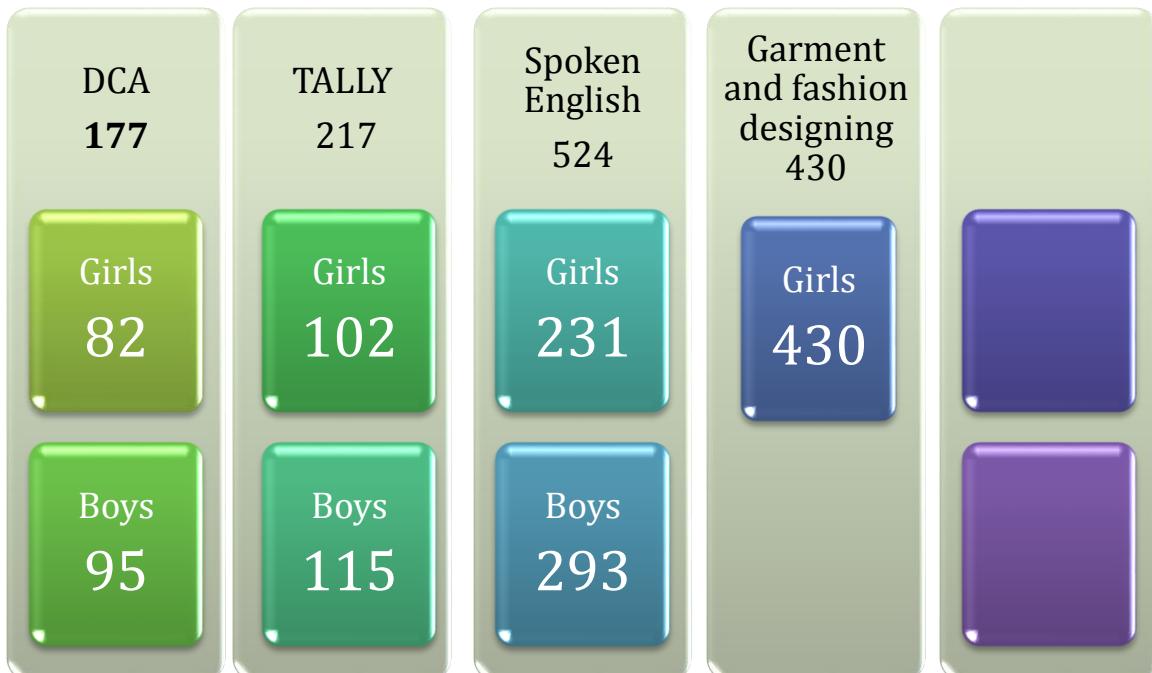


Table -10 :Area level details of No. of trainees in Garment and Fashion designing course

S.No.	Area	No. of trainees	Self employed	Job placement
1	Royapuram	295	100	195
2	Tiruvottiyur kuppam	75	50	25
3	Semmanchery	40	28	12
4	Perumbakkam	20	12	8
	Total	430	190	240



Retail Management

Retail management course was organized in collaboration with labour net. 24 students attended the course.

Handicraft training

Garment and Fashion designing students were trained on handicrafts. The students learnt to make paper jewels, artificial jewels, floor mats, embroidery works and wall hangings. They sell these products ranging from Rs. 45 to Rs. 300.



Job Placement

Vocational training is linked with Job placement. The center has tied up with 97 employers in sectors such as BPO, Retail, Security, Housekeeping, Automobiles, Sales and Marketing, Education, Hospitality, Software, Transport, Telesales, Audit firm and Social service. Women trained in the garment and fashion designing also get self employed.

195 from computer and tally course and 220 from garment and fashion designing have been placed in different sectors. 150 from garment unit are self employed

Table -11 : Details of job placement

S.No	Sector	Male	Female	Total
1	Education	9	4	13
2	Sales and marketing	11	12	23
3	Hospitality	18	4	22
4	Automobile	15	2	17
5	Retail	25	39	76
6	Audit firm	21	8	29
7	BPO	2	7	9
8	Gas agency	1	-	1
9	Beauty saloon	1	-	1
10	Transport	1	-	1
11	Packing	2	-	2
12	Social service	2	-	2
13	Tele sales	1	2	3
14	Data entry	2	4	6
15	Housekeeping	-	2	2
16	Garment making		195	195
	Total	111	279	402

Case Study I

M. Surya kumar. 20 years is a B.com graduage who belongs to Fisheries community, His father expired and his mother is sick, hence coulnd support the family. He has two siblings a younger brother and younger sister. Since Surya is the elder son of the family, He did part time job to pay his fees. He came to know about Arunodhaya training cntrre through his friends and joined in the course in Aug 2016. He was placed in part time job and he was regular to the class. In completion of course he was placed in Sudaram Bpo India p.ltd, at the salary of 8500. Now Surya kumar is happy because his income is main root for his family and he hopes that after getting a year of experience he can get better salary than now. And we has been advised to do PG by correspondence for his beter future.



Case study II

L. Sugi, 35 years, She is a mother a child Akshaya who is studying 7 std. Husband is electriton but doesn't go to work regularly. She got married at the age of 25 and she has studied MA Socialogy. Her husband and in-laws profane her from going to work. She wanted economic independence and she came to know about Arunodhaya taining centre. In 2016 April she joined DCA course. She excelled among other students and she was reffered for job in Arunodhaya. Now she works as receptionist at Aunodhaya Head Office. She is responsible in maintaing administration records, attending calls and maintaing materials. She also suports accouts department.

"I have gained boldness, I was so afraid to speak especially with my in-laws. I was brought up in a village where we are not encouraged to come out of our house. It was like my voice my opinion was never heard. It created a stress and emptiness in me. After coming to the course and got employed in Arunodhaya I started to speak for my rights. I am happy to work her and see many empowered women" L. Sugi, 35 years, Royapuram

WATER AND SANITATION HYGIEN PROGRAM -WASH

Arunodhaya in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board has organised awareness on water and sanitation hygiene (WASH) in A, B, C, D, AC and AD Block in Perumbakkam to sensitize the rehabilitation on the upkeep of the tenements. The program was started in July 2016. We are happy to share the report of the activities done.

Introduction

Arunodhaya started its intervention in Perumbakkam since October 2016. In December we got the allotment for a tenement (AA 19) for carrying out our activities.

We thank Tamilnadu Slum Clearance Board for allotting a Tenement at Perumbakkam AA 19 for the purpose for carrying out development activities for the people at Perumbakkam. We are happy to provide you an update on the activities carried out.

- Survey was conducted in Blocks A-F covering 1000 families.
- 180 children were identified.
- Children sangam has been formed with 50 children
- 20 mats and 10 black boards were donated to the Primary school with the support of TCS volunteers
- A psycho social session was organised for children who have been relocated from flood affected sites. 50 children who had come from Mudichur, Tambaram participated in the session.
- Tailoring class was started on 2nd Jan. 20 women are attending it regularly
- Mahalir sangam has been formed with 230 women. Fortnightly meetings are organised for the leaders.

- Spoken English class is organised for 20 women once in a week with the support of TCS volunteers
- International women's day. 50 women participated in the International women's day organised at Semmanchery. They took a resolution to take action against early marriage.
- 6 women were assisted to get employment as Housekeepers for a salary of Rs. 6,500/- per month.
- Health camp was organised on 24th Feb. In collaboration with Sathyabama University. 230 members benefited from it
- 360 members were assisted to apply for widow pension and old age pension, flood relief
- 47 members were given mats, sarees and blankets as flood relief.

WASH Activities

Arunodhaya appointed field staff in Perumbakkam Ms. Madhangi Priya to facilitate this program. Arunodhaya staff selected 4 wash committee members in each floor who were interested in WASH activities. In each block 32 members were selected.

In each block association members were selected by TNSCB, these members were introduced to the committee members and the staff for excellent collaboration in WASH.

Orientation and strengthening of committee members

On 29th July 2016 a meeting was convened at Perumbakkam for Wash committee and Association members. Mr. Nirmal, Community Development Officer, TNSCB, Ms. Virgil D'Sami, Executive Director, Arunodhaya, Mr. Suvkin, CDO, TNSCB, Ms. Suresh, Coordinator, TNSCB, Ms. Dhanalakshmi, Arunodhaya and Ms. Hajara, Arunodhaya facilitated the meeting. 130 members from Wash committee and Association members participated in the meeting. Mr. Nirmal, CDO, TNSCB spoke about the activities of TNSCB and gave an introduction on WASH program. He also explained on how the program works with the support of committee members. Ms. Virgil D' Sami explained the committee members on each aspects that they will be working on in this program. She said that they will concentrate on health and hygiene, child rights, child protection and drug abuse. She also shared few real incidents that happened in Perumbakkam. She encouraged the participants to give their support in achieving a model block.

In the end the meeting the members listed out their needs in the gated community. Below is the list of demands they requested TNSCB to support.

- Library
- Gym
- Tuition centre
- Free beautician course
- Free computer course
- To repair lifts and house roofs



In the end of the meeting they took oath for to keep their surroundings clean. As a result of this meeting, TNSCB has allotted space to construct library.

Meeting with Association members

Arunodhaya organised a meeting with Association members of block A, B, C, D, AC and AD in Perumbakkam on 20th Aug 2016. 40 members participated in the meeting. Mr. Nirmal, Community Development Officer, TNSCB and Ms. Dhanalakshmi, Thematic facilitator, Arunodhaya facilitated the meeting. The agenda of the meeting was to strengthen Wash committee, to promote cleanliness, to motivate the members to participate in the meeting and take initiative to maintain health and hygiene. Mr. Nirmal CDO, TNSCB gave information about various trainings given by TNSCB for the residents of Perumbakkam. He also motivated the members to take initiative to clear the ventilator and clean stir case. In the end of the meeting the members were told that they will have a surprise visit to check the cleanliness of their block.

Ms. Dhanalakshmi visited each block and encouraged the members who took initiative to clean their floor.

Training and Awareness Program

Training on Roles & Responsibility and Functioning of the committee

On 27th Aug a training on 'Roles & Responsibility and Functioning of the committee' was organized at Perumbakkam A block. 86 committee members participated in the training from 6 blocks. The training started with a prayer song flowed by a welcome address. Ms. Virgil D'Sami, Executive Director, Arunodhaya spoke about the need for this committee in perumbakkum. She gave few statistics on how health and hygien effects the future generation. She said that India has the highest number of children suffering from stunting in the world nearly 48 million children have stunt growth due to unsafe water and diarrhoeal diseases kills around 315,000 children under-five each year. This made the participants to understand the seriousness of their work. She also spoke about the roles and responsibility of each committee members with a power point presentation. She said that each member should be a role model to others, willing to spend time, facilitate and coordinate with other members and staff, communicate, organise and build rapport with stack holders. She concluded the session by motivating each one to support in wash activities



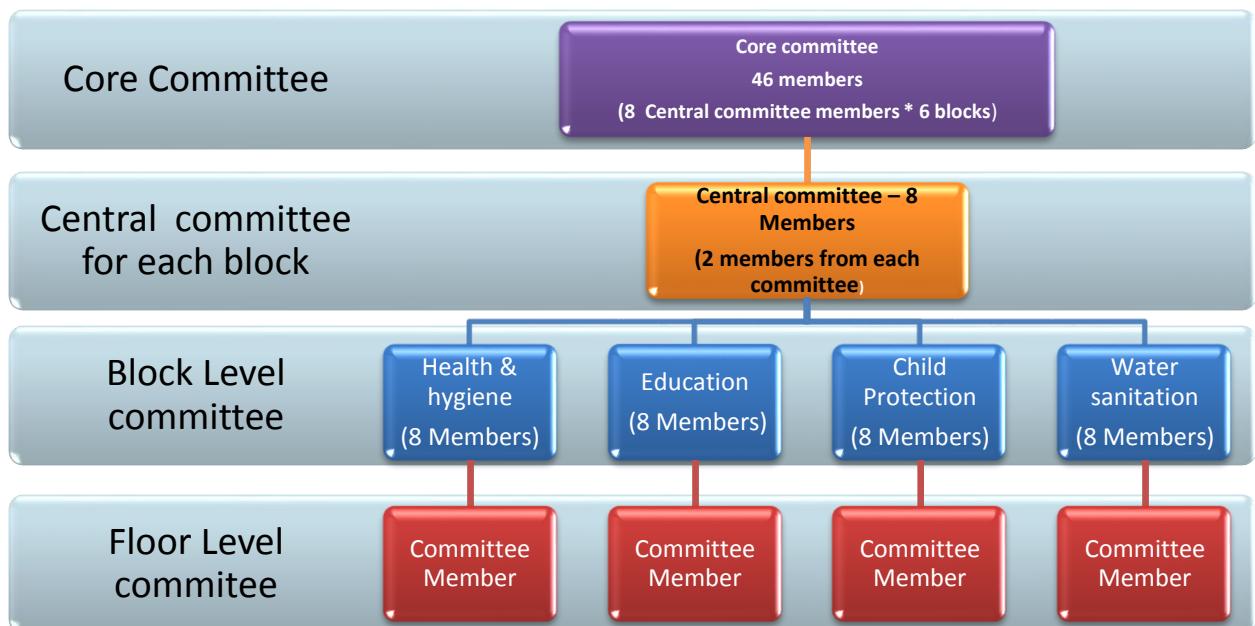
Following her session Ms. Tamil Arasi, Supervisor – Project Management Team, TNSCB spoke about various activities of TNSCB that is functioning in Perumbakkam. She also said that the committee can visit their office anytime in case of any problem. She motivated the members to take initiative to bring their block as a model.

Ms. Suganthi, Program Officer, Arunodhaya facilitated in formation of four committees (Water sanitation, Health & hygiene, Education, Child Protection) in each blocks. Each committee consisting of 8 members one in each floor has planned to meet twice in a month. She also explained about the flow of work and to request the members to take survey of the 6 families allotted to them.

The program conlujde with the national Anthem.



Figure 19 : Structure of Wash Committee



A Note book and a pen was given to ward committee members to minute the floor level meetings The program conclude with the national Anthem

Training on Health & Hygiene and Sanitation

Training on Health and hygiene was organised on 28th Sep 2016. Ms. Subu Lakshmi, Secretary, India NGO was the resource person. 83 ward committee members participated in the meeting. Ms. S.X. Hydwick Rosy, Chief Community Development Officer, TNSCB and Mr. Nirmal, Community Development Officer, TNSCB participated in the program.



Ms. Subu Lakshmi spoke about hygiene practices to be followed from head to toe. She showed few slides and documentary movie which gave awareness on the importance of hand wash, drinking boiled water and ill effects of open defecation. She also demonstrated 5 steps of hand wash. This gave more clarity on the importance of hand washing. Ms. S.X. Hydwick Rosy motivated the members to follow health and hygiene practices taught to them during the session. Ms Nirmal, CDO, TNSCB spoke about the various schemes and opportunities available for Perumbakkam tenement dwellers under TNSCB.

Through this training committee members started to do the following practices

- Drinking boiled water
- Washing hands with soap
- Informed these information during floor level meeting

Training on health and hygiene

On 26th Nov 2017 a public awareness program on health and hygiene was organised at Perumbakkam near A block. Nearly 200 members witnessed the program. Mr. Nirmal, Community Development Officer, TNSCB and Ms. Virgil D'Sami, Executive Director, Arunodhaya were the special guest. The program started with a parai dance preformed by Arunodhaya Youth Cultural team. Following the dance Arunodhaya Staff Cultural team performed a street theatre on health and hygiene. Through street theatre they conveyed information on the importance of washing hands with soap, hand washing techniques, clearing and keeping the ventilator open, no spiting on the staircase, ill effects of water stagnant and ORS administration. The information conveyed through street theatre was very effective and reached the audience vibrantly.



Few wash committee members spoke about how they got benefited out of wash program and shared the steps taken by the floor members to keep it clean. She also shared about the committee meetings organised at floor level

Ms. Virgil D' Sami encouraged all the committee members to continue following hygiene practices. She also appreciated and recognized some of the committee members who have been showing good interest in the program.

Following her speech Mr. Nirmal, CDO, TNSCB appreciated the activities of Arunodhaya done at Perumbakkam. He also appreciated the cultural team for their wonderful performance. He said that he was able to witness notable change in the tenements.

Pongal Celebration, Republic day and National Girl Child Day

On 25th January 2017, Arunodhaya celebrated Pongal, National Republic day, National Girl child day based on water and sanitation hygiene. 120 ward committee members from Perumbakkam tenement attended this event. The day commenced at 9 AM, opening with a Kolam competition to tie into the theme of Pongal. This competition was conducted block wise, and was evaluated by a jury committee consisting of two wash committee members, TNSCB staff and a volunteer from Arunodhaya. The best participants out of the twelve that participated in the competition were selected.



Following this, wash committee members prepared the sweet Pongal in hygienic way and distributed to all members. At 11.30 AM Ms. Madhagipriya, an animator of Arunodhaya performed a welcome speech to the audience of the event, followed by Madras Christian College students presenting their cultural program on the importance of girl child education. Ms. Sundari Jagathesan, a Women Inclusion Activist further emphasized the topic of girl child education, by addressing the importance of female children/ adolescents.

The winner of the kolam competition was presented and the prize was distributed. This was handed over by Ms. Virgil D'Sami, Executive Director of Arunodhaya, who also provided a speech on the empowerment of female children/ adolescents, stating that education is



much needed in order to do so. She encouraged all women to make their daughters study higher education and get her married at the right age. She made a valuable point that the following day (26th January) was republic day, a day that marked the point from which the Indian population received a democracy; as a result of this, power and freedom must be put to good use. The award distribution for the best floor block wise followed Ms. Virgil D'Sami's moving speech. This was distributed by Mr. Nirmal, Community Development Officer, TNSCB. He provided a valid point to the audience supporting the topic of sanitation hygiene, stating that the community must be kept clean in order to prevent the spread of disease and illness. He also expressed his appreciation of the work that has been done in the community. Executive Engineer from TNSCB, Mr. R.M. Mohan released stickers featuring 'do's' and 'don'ts' of the tenement. The day ended at 12.35 PM, with a vote of thanks from Ms. Dhanalakshmi, Thematic Facilitator of Arunodhaya.



Awareness on Do's & Don'ts through Stickers

Stickers featuring 'do's' and 'don'ts' of the tenement was stuck in 2000 houses at perumbakkam behind their doors.



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Group Activity

Group Activity on health and hygiene was organised in 6 blocks 2nd Oct 2016 and 3rd Oct 2016. 6 Pamphlets creating awareness on hygiene practices, vaccination, open defecation, hand washing, breast feeding and safe drinking water was distributed in the program. Volunteers from MSSW explained the information present in each pamphlet. Many questions were raised by committee members and floor residence regarding hand washing and safe drinking water. They also complained about lack of safety for girls and women in their area.

A group activity on communicable disease was organised on 12th Nov 2017 with the support of field work students. 230 members participated in the program. The importance of hand wash was again insisted in the group activity. Videos on communicable diseases was showed in laptop during the group activity.

On 20th Dec 2016 a group activity was organised on children protection. During the session information on POCSO Act and importance of sending children to school was discussed. As school is the safe space for children the members were motivated to send all the children to school. Message on safe and unsafe touch was also shared in the discussion. The members promised to send their children to school and also enrol school drop outs. They raised issue on the lack of amenities in school and decided to give a petition to TNSCB



Water Testing

Water testing kit was distributed in each floor. Bore water and pipe water was tested. Out of 40 samples tested 5 turned black which indicates that the water is infected. The water tanks of the infected sample was cleaned immediately and beaching powder was added. Can water was found to be contaminated in AC block 2nd floor and B Block 4th Floor. The distribution agent was asked to bring clean water. The people started to drink boiled water.

Floor Level Meeting

Floor level meeting was organised every Saturday by ward committee members. The members discussed on various issues and shared the information given in the trainings.

GOOD PRACTICES

- Ventilators were cleaned
- Drinking boiled water
- All children enrolled in school
- Many families are washing their hand with soap
- Water tanks and stair case are cleaned regularly
- B block was painted with community contribution
- Wall painting creating awareness on cleanliness is done in A and C block
- A petition was submitted to TNSCB to repair water pipe line, to construct school, Repair Street light and clear dust bins regularly.
- White washing done in C block floor.
- The water pipe lines were repaired
- It is ascertained that the school would shift to its building in the academic year.

Case Study I

Gayathiri Ramesh
No 165, C block 5th Floor

Gayathiri Ramesh 26 years is a wash committee member. She developed good interest in health and hygiene program. She never misses any meetings. Before wash program she used the ventilator to keep the dust bin and didn't have many hygiene practices.



She has 2 year old son who often used to fall sick. During the training given she learnt the importance of hand wash and drinking boiled water. She started practicing to boil water and drink, wash hand and removed dust bin from ventilator. She also brought a new dust bin with a lid facilitating more hygiene. Through this she said that her son is healthy now. She attends the floor level meeting regularly and conveys the information she learnt and practiced at home.

“My son used to get sick often, after the training I give him boiled water and wash hands regularly. Now he is healthy and improved his weight. I didn't like this place initially, everywhere there was pawn spitting and unclean. But now our floor looks bright and clean. All the members are supporting to keep it Clean. Thanks to Arunodhaya and TNSCB” Gayathiri Ramesh 26 years

Case Study II

S. Rukmani Bai
No 157, C block 6th Floor

S. Rukmani is an active member of wash committee. She is 65 years old, amidst her age constraints she never misses any wash meetings. She takes care of two grandsons after her daughter's death. *"After my daughter's death I was stressed and I never used to come out of my house. This meeting helped me to come out of my stress and meet many people".*

Through wash program she got good awareness about health and hygiene. She ensured that her grandsons are properly vaccinated. She motivated many members to keep their surroundings clean and clear the ventilators. She used to visit each floor in her block and ensured that the ventilators are clear.

"Thanks to Arunodhaya and TNSCB for helping us understand the value of health and hygiene. I started practicing and also tell others to wash their hand, boil water, vaccinate their children and send them to school" S. Rukmani Bai



Case Study III

S. Manoj.
No 21, C block 2nd Floor

S. Manoj is studying 7th std at Perumbakkam Middle School. He learnt about hygiene practice during floor level meeting which was facilitated by M. Majula. During the meeting the members took resolution to paint the walls and protect it. Manoj volunteered that he would paint creating awareness on hygiene practices. The team collected money from each house and whitewashed the floor. S. Manoj used his skill and painted national bird, national flower and a Thirukural. All the members of the floor appreciated his work helped each other to protect it. His paintings were also exhibited during pongal celebration and he was awarded for his enthusiasm and talent.



People with disability

People with disability were identified during home visits. They were informed of the government schemes and benefits from other NGOs and networks. Three members were assisted to get business loan of Rs. 10,000/- each from KCC bank.. Identity card obtained for 16 Children with disability. Seven PWDs were supported to get pension.

During the recent floods in Chennai, Arunodhaya organized immediate response in 45 slum communities mainly in North Chennai. Arunodhaya did relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction work for the marginalized community.

In this regard TATA came forward to give education support and livelihood support for children and women.

During the need assessment with the support of community leaders, we identified single women and marginalized who were affected by flood.

Educational Support

6 Children who are doing their 11th std and 1st year college were supported with Rs.5000 to pay their college fees.

Table -12 :Details of students

S. No	Name	Age	Education	Area
1	B. Vignesh	16	11th	AIR site
2	S. Gayathiri	19	B. Com Gen	Kodambakam
3	R. Rajeswari	16	11th	Tiruvottiyur
4	M. Kavineswari	18	11th	Tiruvottiyur
5	P. Manickam	19	BA	AIR site
6	K. A Chandrika	16	11th	Royapuram

"I got 473 marks in 10th std. I am ailing from a poor family. I have 3 sisters. My parents are supporting my education with great difficulty. During the flood my house was flooded, my father could not go for work and he is the sole bread winner of the family. We were pushed to difficult situation. He got loan to pay our fees. The 5000 Rs scholarship I got through TATA is a great support for me. I will study well and get state rank in 12th std."

K. A Chandrika



Case Study

P. Manickam, 18 years is doing his BA. History at Sir Theagaraya collage. His father who was the sole bread winner of his family died in the year 2013. The burden of earning for the family fell on Manickam. But through the awareness he got through confederation of Arunodhaya Childrens sangam motivated him to say 'no' from dropping out of school. After his schooling he went to part time job to pay his collage fees. Now he is also supporting his two siblings who are going to school. During the flood his house was flooded. Yet he came forward to support other members of his community. He organized food, candles, water and dress for 300 people. He took initiative to bring a boat to rescued women and children from his area. In Manickam's house 5 feet of water entered and it took two days to recede. All his note books, dress, electrical items were lost. Through the support of TATA he was supported with Rs. 5000 to pay his semester fees. He was so happy and expressed his gratitude to TATA and Arunodhaya for the supper rendered.



LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT

Sewing Machine

Women who are the sole bread winner of their family, earning through tailoring were supported with new tailoring machine. 3 women got new tailoring machine.

Table -13 : Details of women

S. No	Name	Area
1	J. Devi	Thiruvotriyur
2	T. Vanaja Mary	Thiruvotriyur
3	Kala	Royapuram

“Vannakam, I learnt tailoring to support my children’s education. I am living alone with my two daughters. I was stitching with the rented tailoring machine. I used to give Rs 100 per day as rent. After the flood the machine was spoiled. Now I am so happy I got my own sewing machine. I can earn more and take care of my children”. Devi, 33 years, Thiruvotriyur



Loan for Small scale business

11 single women who were doing small scale business were supported with Rs. 5000 to restart their business that was affected by flood. They were doing small scale business on the road side selling idly, flowers, dress, fish etc. During the flood their wooden stand, vessels, stove were spoiled. Some vessels washed away in the flood. With the support of TATA they were supported with Rs.5000 to compensate their loss.



Table -14 : Details of women for livelihood support

S. No	Name	Occupation	Area
1	G. Tulasi	Flower vendor	AIR site
2	S. Andal	Idly Vendor	Tiruvottiyur
3	M. Kanmani	Idly Vendor	Tiruvottiyur kuppam
4	V.Kugavalli	Dress shop	Kodungaiyur
5	R. Manimegalai	Bajji Shop	AIR site
6	B. Ragini	Dress shop	AIR site
7	R. Rani	Vegetable shop	Kodungaiyur
8	S. Priya	Egg vendor	Tiruvottiyur Kuppam
9	M. Suriyakala	Water can	Tiruvottiyur
10	J. Vezhangani	Fish shop	Tondaiyarpet
11	G. Muniammal	Household products	Tiruvottiyur

Case Study

M. Kanmani, 28 years is a widow. She has a son (6 years) and daughter (2 years). Her husband who was alcoholic died during the flood. After her husband's death she came to her mother's house as she did not have financial support. Her mother was having a small idly shop and Kanmani was supporting. But she couldn't stay long in her mother's house with her children. "*I don't want to disturb my mother. She is getting old as well. I wanted to stay and earn on my own. I have decided to start a new idly shop and earn my living*" Kanmani was identified during the field visit by Arunodhaya Staff. She has been supported with Rs. 5000 to start her own idly shop. She is so happy and got lot of hope.



Quotes

"My husband died before 16 years, after that I started a small bajji shop to earn my living as my 2 son and one daughter left me alone after their marriage. During the flood I was not able to open my shop for a month. I did not have money to eat. So I got money for loan with high interest to restart my business. But couldn't repay it. Now I got Rs 5000 from Arunodhaya through TATA. Thanks to madam, This will help me have a new beginning." (**Ms. Manimegalai, 55 years**)

“Vanakkam, My name is Velzhakanni, I left my husband before six months and came alone with the four children (3 girls and 1 son) as my husband was alcoholic. He never supports my family. I wanted to make my children study well. I started to sell fish in the streets near Tondaiyarpet. When I started this business, there was flood. The house I rented was flooded with water. I couldn't sell fish for a month. We suffered heavy loss. I kept my jewels to pawn brokers and got to pay my children's fees. 5000 Rs support I got through Arunodhaya motivated me so much. I did not have money to put in this business. But now I can earn more money if I sell more fish. This money has given life for me and my children”

Velzhakanni, 37 years



STRENGTHENING FLOOD AFFECTED INSTITUTIONS OF THE POOR

Shelter Home enhancement Programme

During the flood all the places surrounding the shelter home was affected by flood. 25 children and 75 members from the community were provided shelter during the flood disaster.

Shelter home building construction is very poor and needs a lot of repair work and there is a need for basic amenities. To enhance the amenities at shelter for homeless and enable better environment for the homeless children the following materials was given with the support of TATA. The Support of TATA has enhanced the home and created a better atmosphere for children. Now children are staying comfortably. As the whole, atmosphere has changed, the children enjoy to study and stay at the home. Now children are studying well, has opportunity to play and got good facilities to bathe. A new positive energy has been created in shelter home. We are able to feel a new happiness among the children. In this year more children were referred to our shelter home. Shelter home has got a safe and protective environment. Social audit of Shelter home was done in the month of March. The support of TATA has helped us in getting a very positive feedback from the audit



Study Environment

The study tables fixed with chair, a computer, table and chairs and a library creates a study environment to the children. It helps the children to study, do their home works and sit together and learn during evening tuitions. The library has more than 100 books. Children are reading it in their leisure time which enhances their reading habits.

Transportation Facilities

Children used to go to school in public bus. Now with the support of TATA children are using cycle and reaching school on time without much strife .

New uniforms and education Materials

Children went in new uniforms from day one of the new Academic year with Pencil box, water bottles. This created enthusiasm and motivation to study.

Sports and Recreational Amenities

Children are able to perform well in sports with new sports shoes and jerseys. Shelter home team got selected to first level in foot ball tournament. Indoor sports materials refrains children from being ideal and they enjoyed playing with their friends. In the evenings children swing and feel the fresh air which energizes them to study.



Water Facilities

Children are ensured with good bathroom facilities, safe place to keep their things and 24 hours water facilities

Kitchen utensils



Food is served in uniform new plates and tumblers. Food is also cooked fast and served hot with the help of new amenities.

Good Sleeping Environments

Children are sleeping in soft beds with cool air without the disturbance of mosquito. Each children got new trunk box to keep their belongings safely.

CCTV camera installation

Shelter home is under CCTV surveillance for the protection of children. During Verdha the roof of stir case was damaged. This was replaced by TATA. Shelter home is now safe and protected from rain during this winter



Clean Drinking Water facilities

Children have access to fresh and clean drinking water.

Cultural Materials

Children got new cultural uniform and materials. Children performed with new uniforms in many places.

Speakers to create awareness

The new speakers supported us to create awareness on child protection.

Shelter home Enhancement Program Inauguration

The materials were inaugurated on 14th March 2017 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Mr. DIG (Retd) T.S. Balasubramanian, Convener, TATA Disaster Response Platform, Tamilnadu and Andaman & Nicobar, Capt. Santhanu Neelambaran, Project Manager, TATA Group on Disaster Response and Ms. Virgil D' Sami, Executive Director – Arunodhaya were the chief guest of the day. The program traditionally started with Tamzh Thai Vazhtu sang by the children. Ms. Virgil D' Sami introduced the guest and explained the children about the support TCIT rendered to Shelterhome. Mr. Balasubramanian inaugurated 'TN flood response program' Boards. Capt. Santhanu Neelambaran motivated and engrossed the children with his modest speech.



Children thanked TATA for their support towards them.

The program ended with the National Anthem.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers from France facilitated by Asmae spent three weeks in the month of Aug. 2016 at Shelter home. They interacted with shelter home children, women and adolescent girls and conducted various trainings.

Four volunteers from France along with an Indian translator Mr. Johnson conducted various activities for children, Adolescent and women from 9.8.2016 to 26.9.2016. This program was conducted in arunodhaya shelter home, kodungaiyur.

Inaugural session.

As the volunteers arrived at the Shelter Home, they were warmly welcome by the faculty staffs and Adolescent girls from that community. They were being welcomed with a aarathi as a part of Indian tradition and Hindu were also kept for the volunteers as a sign of welcome, victory and happiness. After which Tamil thaai vazhthu was sung by adult girls from that area as the part of inaugural session.

The volunteers along with faculty staff had an introducing session. They planned three sessions; first session was with adolescent girls. Adolescent girls had session related to their menstrual cycle. Most of the girls were not aware about the menstrual cycle and the reason behind it. So the volunteers created awareness by teaching them about pregnancy. The volunteers also thought about the importance of cleanliness and Health and Hygiene.



Group session with adolescent girls and Women

After the inaugural session, there was an introductory session, where the French volunteers, children and the staffs introduced themselves. Followed by a group activity on the basic of remembering each other's name. The volunteers also organised some indoor games for the children. The children also greatly enjoyed the games and participated with full enthusiasm.

The volunteers also taught how to do bracelets with wire, thread and beads. The girls were more interested in these kinds of activities. They were very eager in finding new designs to do the bracelets. These were the activities and sessions conducted b the French volunteers to the adolescent girls.

The second sessions were with the women from that area. This group consists of women who are married and having kids. The subject taught was reproductive health of women. Women who participated were initially shy, latter they started to ask questions and it went on very interactive. On an addition they were also taught on positive parenting

Shelter Home Children

The next session was done during evening. This session was for the children of Arunodhaya shelter home. This session was mostly games. The boys were mostly interested in games. Boys had an activity related to their imagination and their own style. The boys were asked to draw what they feel like drawing and also had few other activities in paintings and paper mesh craft; and paintings in paper plates.

Games and dance are part of their daily schedule in all three session. On the final day, they had a fare well program, where the songs and dance taught by the French volunteers were showed to the director of arunodhaya, and other arunodhaya staffs, as a cultural event.

Later, the experiences were shared by the volunteers as well as the participants in the awareness program. Adolescent girls and women told that making the bracelets were helpful and could do as self business, the boys liked the painting activity, were the thought that the plate which is in paper was used only for eating, but making it as a well decor by painting it, really impressed them. In all three session cleanliness were focused more and the participants are also now aware about the cleanliness and its importance.

This program was a very useful one for those who participated in the awareness program. On a whole it was completely fun filled and interesting session for the people in this area.



General Programme

Kolam Competition

The French volunteers conducted kolam competition. 10 adolescent girls and 15 women participated in the Kolam Competition programme. Women and adolescent girls enjoyed with competition.

Painting Competition

The French volunteers conducted Painting competition. 20 Children participated in the Painting Competition.



Independence day celebration

A part from these sessions, the French volunteers conducted kolam competition for the youth girls and the women participated in the awareness program. And for the home boys, they conducted painting competition. On 15th august Independence Day, the volunteers were dressed in saree and the flag was hoisted. Later there was a prize distribution program for the coinness of the competition. And the volunteers were taught the national anthem of Indian and practiced it

Educational trip

Date : 20.8.2016

Place : Birla Planetarium

The volunteers also took the shelters home boy to educational trip to planetarium. 20 Children Participated the Programme Where the boys could know more about the universe and our galaxy. The boys also had a session on making bracelets. The Children with enjoy the Prgramme.



Planting of trees

Trees were near by Shelter home. Children and volunteers

Participated the Programme

Visit of ASMAE team

On 16th September 2016 **Mr. Jean Frederic Geolier**, Board Member, Asmae, **Mr. Louis Marie Piron**, Executive officer, French Catholic Education, Ms. France Lemberton, Journalist, Mr. Thierry Lyonnet, Journalist, Mr. Johnson, Consultant visited Arunodhaya and interacted with staff members and children. Adolescent team members and shelter home children performed parai dance and mime.

Asmea global review team visited Arunodhaya on 8th Sep 2016. They visited various programs of Asmae and had focus group discussion with adult peer educator, adolescent peer education



Asmae Visit

A team from Asmea visited Arunodhaya from gobal review on 16th sep. 60 children participated in the visit. Children shared what they gain through children sangam and adolescent program . Shelter home boys gave miming performance.

Asmae documentation

Asmae documented their work in India as they have completed 20 years of work in India.



VOLUNTEERS AND SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS

1 field work students from MCC College, Stella Maris College, MSSW and Loyola College have been volunteering with Child Help Desk in the past year. They supported with counseling, documentation and creating a child friendly atmosphere at the Child Help Desk.

Social Work Trainees

24 Students from the following Colleges came for field work and block placement as intern. The students are placed in the organization as part of the course in Social Work. They are involved in handling case work, group work and community organization.

1. Madras Christian College, Chennai
2. Madras School of Social Work, Chennai
3. Stella Maris College, Chennai
4. Loyola College
5. Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur
6. D.S.G. Vishnav Collage, Chennai
7. Patrician College
8. Hindustan College, Chennai



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- Corporation of Chennai
- Indian Council for Child Welfare
- CHILDLINE 1098
- Railway Childline Egmore
- National Domestic Workers Movement, Mumbai
- Tamil Nadu Corporation for the Development of Women
- Tamil Nadu slum Clearance Board
- Nehru Yuva Kendra

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AACEP	Adolescent Awareness, Counseling and Empowerment Project
ACS	Arunodhaya Children Sangam
AMI	Arunodhaya Migrant Initiative
CACS	Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam
CCRMC	Community and Child Rights Monitoring Committee
CHU	Counseling and Healing Unit
CLC	Child Labour Centre
CRPC	Child Rights Protection Committee
CWO	Child Welfare Officer
ECC	Early Childhood Care Centre
FCMRP	Federation of children movement for Right to participation
FPCP	Forum for Promotion of Child Participation
FLLRC	Forum For Land And Livelihood Rights Of Coastal Community
IGP	Income Generation Programme
IOM	International Organisation of Migrants
RSEN	Reading Skill Enhancement Network
RSEP	Reading Skill Enhancement Programme
SHG	Self Help Group
SSA	Sarva Siksha Abhiyan
CWF	Coastal Women Federation
UNCRC	United Nation's Convention on the Rights of Child
VTP	Vocational Training Programme

TARGET AREA

CHENNAI DISTRICT**Kodungaiyur**

1. MGR Nagar
2. Ezhil Nagar
3. Kannagi Nagar
4. Karunanidhi Street
5. Dr. Ambedkar Street
6. Srinivasa Perumal Koil Street
7. CSI School Street
8. SP Koil Street
9. Annai Sathyam Nagar

Korukkupet

10. Dr. Ambedkar Nagar
11. Anandhanayagi Nagar
12. Bharathi Nagar
13. Jeeva Nagar
14. Kamaraj Nagar
15. Minambal Nagar
16. Sikkirindapalayam
17. Moopanar Nagar
18. Karumariamman Nagar
19. Rajiv Gandhi Nagar
20. J.J. Nagar
21. Anna Nagar
22. R.R. Nagar
23. Kannaki Nagar
24. Ranganadhapuram
25. Srinivasapuram
26. Kamaraj Nagar
27. Driver Colony
28. Govindasami Nagar
29. Thiruvalluvar Nagar
30. Bojarajan Nagar
31. Aranirangan Street

Tondiarpet

32. Tilagar Nagar
33. V.O.C Nagar
34. Seniamman Nagar
35. Cherian Nagar
36. Irattai Kuzhai
37. Agathiswaran Koil
38. Nethaji Nagar
39. Vinoba Nagar

Washermenpet

40. Seshaligramani Street
41. Aranirangan Street
42. Ammaiappan Street
43. East cemetery road
44. BishopLine
45. Model Line

46. Chinna Thambi Street
47. Kalingarayan Street
48. Mayar Pasudev Street
49. T.T. Garden
50. Veerapathran Thottam
51. Naineyappan Street
52. Thangavel pillai Thottam
53. Bharthasarathi pillai Street
54. T.V.K. Street
55. Jamal Jawahar Street
56. Aarani Gangaiyan
57. Kailaya chetty Street
58. Nagappan Street
59. Mannappan Street
60. Mudhayamudali Street
61. Muniyappan Street
62. Veerakutti Street
63. MCM Thottam
64. Muninam Street
65. Nainiappan Thottam

Royapuram

66. P.V. Koil Street
67. Mannar Sami koil Street
68. Madasami Street
69. Amman Koil Street
70. Venkatachalam Street
71. Panaimarathotti
72. Grace Garden
73. Adhamsahib Street

T. Nagar

74. Didir Nagar
75. Rajapillai Thottam
76. Dhanakottiammal Thottam
77. Muthureddy thottam

Kodambakkam

78. Akbarabad
79. Arubathukudisai
80. Vathiar Thottam
81. Valliammal Thottam
82. Dosspuram
83. Trustpuram
84. Varadarajanpettai

Choolaimedu

85. Zachariah colony
86. Nehru Nagar
87. Subedar Thottam

Anna Nagar

88. Annai Sathyam Nagar
89. Dr. Ambedkar Nagar
90. Gandhi Nagar
91. Kakkangi Nagar

T.P. Chatram

92. Jothiammal nagar
93. V.S. Puram
94. Indirani Nagar
95. Kamaraj Nagar

Aminjikarai

96. Gajalakshmi Colony
97. Bharathipuram
98. Kathiravan Colony
99. Manjakollai Street
100. T.V.M. Koil Street
101. Water Tank
102. P.P. Garden

TIRUVALLUR DISTRICT**Tiruveliyur**

103. Rajaji Nagar
104. Kargil Nagar
105. Annamalaipuram
106. Natarajan thottam
107. Pattiathar Koil
108. Vettri Vinayager Nagar
109. Kamaraj Nagar
110. Balakrishna Nagar

Ennore

121. Mugathivarakuppam
122. Thazhankuppam
123. Nettukuppam
124. Ennore Kuppam
125. Ernavor Kuppam
126. Indiragandhikuppam
127. Kasikoil Kuppam
128. Kasivishwanathar Koil Kuppam
129. Ennore Bharathi Nagar
130. Thadavukarakuppam
131. Sadayankuppam
132. Girija Nagar
133. Sivanpadaiveedhi
134. Kattukuppam

