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## **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
- Creativity
- Team work and Collaboration
- Accountability/ Transparency

## **Objectives**

- Create a protective environment for every child free 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 Community Based Organisations.
- 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 violence.



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# PREFACE

**T**he year 21-22 was again a year taken over by Covid-19 pandemic. The second wave impact was very severe with many lives lost. The lockdown and the school closure affected the lives of the marginalised and the vulnerable making them more vulnerable. Arunodhaya's interventions were targeted at protecting children, addressing child rights denial and child rights violation involving the community, empowering the families and other stakeholders to protect children from abuse and exploitation.

Arunodhaya had the joy of celebrating twenty years journey in Child participation. The year 2021 marks 20 years of starting of Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam (CACS). Children came together and organised various activities to express the transformation through exercising their right to participation. The twenty years also witnessed the formation of an Alumni group of former CACS members. They came together and shared their talents and skills with the present members of CACS. Children's creativity and skill in video documentation was triggered through training in video documentation leading to production of short films and documentaries by children on issues concerning children.

The year 21-22 marks the end of the five-year strategic plan and the beginning of evolving new strategic plan. Planning exercise was started with community participation. Children, youth, women and staff collectively reviewed the activities of the past five years and flagged off the issues to be identified in the next five years.

Arunodhaya with its team of volunteers sprang up to reach out to the people affected by the heavy rains and flood. We thank all the agencies and individuals for their monetary and volunteer support that has enabled us to reach out to the most deprived. Our thanks to the Trustees, the staff team and volunteers for their energetic and committed work. Above all we thank the Almighty God for the continued protection and guidance.

**July 2022**  
**Virgil D Sami Ph.D.**  
**Executive Director**



# EDUCATION



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Asvini was studying in 6<sup>th</sup> std. and enjoyed going to school. But during the first lock down her mother deserted the family and the burden of taking care of the house and her two younger sisters fell on her. Her father who works as a plumber stopped Asvini from school and asked her to take care of the family. When the volunteers from Arunodhaya met her, Asvini expressed her interest to continue her studies, the volunteer counseled her father and encouraged him to send the girl to school. After much persuasion Asvini was admitted in school and is happy to continue her education.

”

Covid-19 pandemic was a great blow to the education of children especially the most marginalised and vulnerable children. The closure of school and online classes created a big gap in education. Children forgot what they learnt and it also led to child labour and child marriages.

Arunodhaya organised interventions to sustain the interest of children in education and enable them to continue their studies.

<b>2503</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>98</b>
Part of these programs	Victims of child labour rescued and enrolled in school	Drop-outs enrolled in School

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

One ECC centre functioned at Athipet for Irula tribe children. Ten children attended the centre. They received nutrition, education and care. Once they completed five years they were enrolled in school. The presence of the ECC at this place has facilitated the enrolment of all children in school. Follow up was also done on pregnant and lactating mothers encouraging them to go for regular check-ups and vaccination.

### Interacted with ICDS centres in target areas.

Through providing training on child protection to ICDS staff,

Mobilised materials like fans, Tubelights

Provided support in organising community 'Valaikappu' (babyshower).

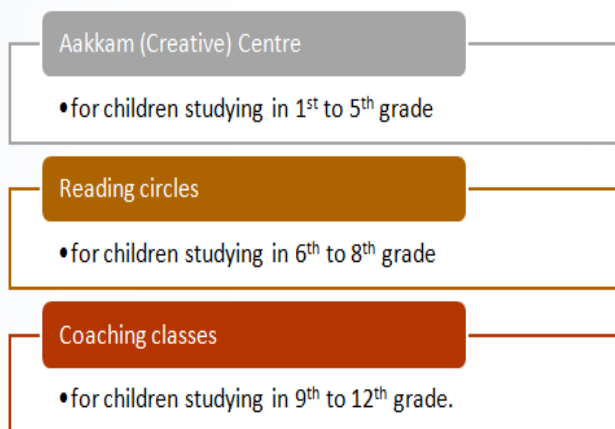
Weighing machine was provided by SHGS in Model line





## MICRO LEARNING CENTRES

The Micro learning centres were planned based on the education level of children.



### Akkam (creative)centres

These centres were organised for children studying from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade (primary level). Children were gathered in groups of 10-15 children in a common place in their neighbourhood. Community volunteers were trained to conduct creative sessions with children teaching them alphabets and numerals. Children prepared alphabet books, enacted simulation games of shops and business for learning numerals and activities were organised to learn from nature. These classes engaged children in an effective way and sustained their interest in studies.

Reading circles were organised for children studying in 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>std. One of the hindrances for children learning is the lack of learning atmosphere at home. Reading circles were organised in groups of 10-15 children and they were encouraged to read books. Small libraries were set up and with the assistance of the facilitators they were helped to read books and comprehend. School text books were also provided to the children

Coaching classes were organised for children studying from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Classes were organised in groups of 10-15 children and they were taught from their regular school text books. Special teachers were appointed to teach the children. They were also assisted to attend the online classes conducted by their schools.

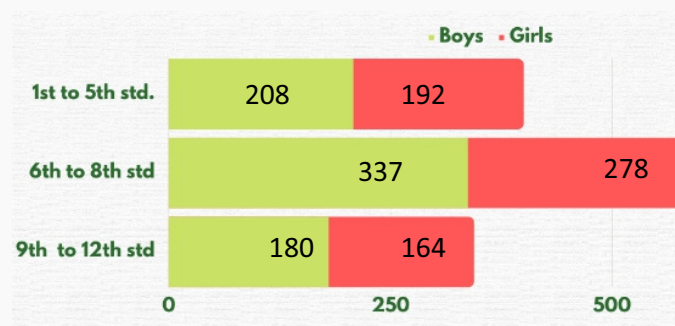
We were able to mobilise 4 TABS through Lions club which was kept at the field offices and children were enabled to participate in the online classes.

When the schools reopened for a short while for children from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades, follow up was done to see that the children were going to school.

Special attention was paid to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students as they have to appear for board exams. They were facilitated to write the exams online and constant motivation was given to sustain their interest in studies.

Figure 1 Details of Micro-learning Centres

Total Children 1359



When the government started Illam Thedikalvi Thittam (ITK), some of the centres were merged with ITK.

The volunteers were also referred to be ITK volunteers. Arunodhaya is a member of the District Advisory team.



## Online Tutorial Class

In collaboration with Chennai Volunteers online tutorial classes was initiated for the children studying from 6<sup>th</sup> standard to 12<sup>th</sup> standard. 66 children attended the online classes in English, Maths and Physics. It was held in the month of May and June. It helped the children in clearing their doubts and improving their knowledge.

## School Enrolement Campaign

Since all pass was announced campaign was held to ensure that children who completed 10<sup>th</sup> std. joined 11<sup>th</sup> std and those who completed 12<sup>th</sup> std. joined college. 79 children (42 boys 37 girls) who completed 12<sup>th</sup> std. were guided to join college. Follow up was done on other children also to ensure that they got enrolled from primary to middle school and middle to high school and enrolement in first standard. 52 children (34 boys and 18 girls) who were on the verge of dropping out were enrolled in school. 31 child labourers (14 boys 17 girls) were identified and enrolled in school.

Special enrolement drive was organised on 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 when the announcement on reopening of schools from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 was announced by the government.

A video was produced by children on the joy of going to school which was shared on the Youtube as an awareness material to encourage children to go to school.

## School visits and follow up on drop outs

Arunodhaya is engaged with the following schools. 70 drop out list obtained from school. 46 dropouts enrolled in school.

## 24 Schools

Area	School
Tiruvottiyur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeyagopal Garodia Higher Secondary school</li> <li>Deivasigamani school</li> <li>Kanniga gurukulam School</li> <li>Municipal school, Theradi</li> <li>Municipal Primary school, Kargil nagar</li> </ul>
Korukkupet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chennai Higher Secondary school, Patel nagar</li> <li>Chennai Primary School, Anna nagar</li> <li>Chennai Primary School, J.J. nagar</li> <li>Chennai Primary School, R.R.nagar</li> <li>Chennai Primary School, MGR nagar</li> <li>Chennai High School, Harinarayanapuram</li> <li>Chennai Middle School, Minambal nagar</li> <li>Chennai Middle School, Coronation nagar</li> <li>Chennai Middle School, Stanleynagar</li> </ul>
Royapuram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chennai Higher Secondary School, Maniganda mudali</li> </ul>
Ennore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government Higher Secondary School, Kathivakkam</li> <li>Chennai municipal primary school, Kasikoil Kuppam</li> <li>Panchayat union school, Sadayankuppam</li> <li>Chennai Primary school, AIR site, Ernavur</li> <li>Chennai Middle school, AIR site,</li> <li>Govt High school, A.S. nagar</li> <li>Sathyamoorthy nagar</li> <li>Govt. high school, J.J. nagar</li> <li>Govt High school, Athipet</li> </ul>

Arunodhaya representatives participated in School Management Committee (SMC) meeting in 12 schools

Regular school visits were made and drop out list was collected. The children were counselled and encouraged to continue their studies.

## Enrollment Campaign





Smart class room was inaugurated on 12th February 2022 at Deivasigamani Government aided school, Thiruvotriyur. Thanks to Praise foundation for Mobilising support from Ladies Circle and RRD.

## Libraries

Libraries started in Korukkupet and Ennore. Story books, general knowledge, subject books were kept. Children were encouraged to visit the library. This helped in sustaining their interest in studies. Ladies circle supplied

Madras round table and Ladies circle provided 133 books to the library at Ennore

## Career Guidance

Career guidance programme was organised for children studying in 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> std. to guide them on the courses to pursue. 838 children participated in career guidance programme. 10<sup>th</sup> standard children gained knowledge on what to choose as their career. Many children were in confusion what stream to choose in their 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

Few children planned to choose ITI after 10<sup>th</sup> standard but after the session, children understood the importance of getting their degree to build their career as well as to upgrade their family status.

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard children got clear guidance and knowledge on which course to choose after their 12<sup>th</sup> standard. Many children were in fear which college, what stream to choose. After the session they got an idea to choose their career based on their skills and interest.

## Motivation for Education

Covid-19 and school closure reduced the level of motivation in children. They were lured into other negative acts like drug abuse, child labour etc. To protect them from going astray and keep them motivated to continue their studies, motivation sessions were organised.

Volunteers from Cognizant conducted online motivation session for six days reaching out to 74 children. It was conducted in three batches, each batch of children had two days session and each day the session was for 3 hrs. They trained the children on how to introduce themselves, stress management. Goal setting and Realizing oneself- Who Am I?



Selvan. S. Vignesh, studying 11th standard is interested in music and wished to pursue music classes. But due to pressure from his parents he had to join computer science group in 11th std. But he faced difficulty in concentrating in his studies as his interest was in music. He started scoring low grades which made his life very difficult. At this point he attended the career guidance programme organized by Arunodhaya and had an open discussion with the resource person sharing the dilemma in his life. The resource person placed before him the possibilities and scope of using computer technology to pursue his passion for music. This gave him a new perspective and interest to continue his studies. He said that after the higher secondary course he will pursue higher education in computer technology.

Selvi. S. Kokila,  
16 years,  
AnnaiSivagami Nagar, Ennore



I learnt about 4A techniques (Accept, Avoid, Adapt and Alter) to control stress and learnt about SMART way to achieve my ambition

Selvan.Vallarasu,  
16 Years  
Chinnakuppam, Ennore



I enjoyed the 2 days session. The online session challenged my creativity through games and activities. Through this session I understood that I am responsible for my life. I want to become a lawyer and from now onwards I want to work on that to achieve my dream

## Online sessions and Digital Literacy

Children had opportunity to participate in online classes. They had sessions on Time management, environment, disaster management, Tiger protection, virtual tour of different places, money management. On Independence day quiz programme and drawing competition were organised. These classes held during the school closure period widened the knowledge of children and developed an interest in learning new things,

The pandemic increased the need for digital literacy. Online training was organised in collaboration with Bhumi and DXCcompany. Children were provided with basic information on the use of smart phones and laptops. 27 children participated in this programme.

**1. Gained information on Android and laptop use**

**2. Importance software**

**3. Able to know the advantage and disadvantages of android and computers**

## Spoken English

In collaboration with ivolunteer and Lets Teach spoken English classes were conducted over phone. 40 girls participated in the programme. Classes were conducted one hour per week for 15 weeks. The girls learnt new words every week, they developed interest in learning English and overcame the fear of English. They gained confidence that they can also speak in English.



Selvi.P.  
Meenatchi  
(16 yrs)  
Korukupet

I am happy to attend these session with volunteer. It helps me to learn new words every week. I am studying in Tamil medium and in the beginning it was difficult to understand but now I am able to form small sentences on my own.

Selvi. Ramya,  
(17 yrs)  
Thiruvottiyur

I learnt nouns and grammar, also learnt simple English sentence to use daily. I know to read English but now I am able to speak in simple English. Thanked the team for the opportunity.

Selvi.  
V.Priyadharshini,  
(16 yrs),  
Korukupet

I was nervous in the begining because I could not understand t English sentences but after motivation of volunteers I was able to understand the sentences. I also developed more enthusiasm to learn English and wants to speak like the volunteer fluently



# CHILD PROTECTION



**Selvan. Shankar**, (name changed) 17 years, studying in 11<sup>th</sup> std from Thiruvotriyur stopped his cousin sister's marriage who was 13 years through the awareness he got through Ilanthalir groups. Shankar received a marriage invitation of his cousin sister. He felt this would come under child marriage and it has to be addressed. At first, he spoke to his parents about this issue but unfortunately, they refused to address the problem. So, that night he called Arunodhaya team member and informed about the child marriage. Along with the team he called Childline 1098 and informed about the marriage. He also submitted the invitation as a copy of evidence. He was very afraid of his parents that they will scold him but the awareness he gained through Ilanthalir session pushed him forward and made him to stand up for the child's protection. The marriage was stopped by Childline and the child was produced before Child Welfare Committee (CWC), the parents realized their mistake and told they will not do this mistake again and will send her to school. *"I felt like flying in the sky, because I could stop my sister's marriage and protect her. Now she is like a butterfly enjoying her childhood and continuing her education".*

One manifestation of Covid-19 pandemic has been of child protection pandemic. It exposed the children especially the marginalised and underprivileged to vulnerability and exploitation. Child labour, child marriage, drug abuse, addiction to mobile, physical and sexual abuse of children, school drop out, depression and attempt to suicide were on the increase.

**Figure 2 : Interventions in child protection**



reached out to the children and adolescents creating awareness, building their skills and support to the needy children.

## ADOLESCENTS AWARENESS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Adolescence is the stage of transition from childhood to adulthood, it is an age when the adolescents try to develop their identity and independence. Peer pressure plays a major role in their lives and need constructive guidance in grappling with issues such as sexuality, drug abuse and handling physical, social, cognitive, emotional and moral development. Creating awareness on issues related to adolescence and building the capacity and skills of adolescents to overcome the challenges and harness their energy towards positive development.

AWARENESS AND CAPACITY BUILDING	The following activities were conducted	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ilanthalir (Adolescent) sessions
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Awareness campaign in schools
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Awareness on menstrual hygiene and reproductive health
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lifeskill development

**Ilanthalir (Adolescents) Groups** were formed at area level and monthly sessions were conducted providing information and creating awareness on issues related to adolescent stage. The following topics were covered over a period of twelve months.

1. introduction about Organization and Project

2. Adolescent stages

3. Roles and responsibilities of adolescents

4. Sex education

5. Understanding gender

6. Reproductive system and its functions

7. Love and Infatuation

8. Drugs and Substance abuse

9. Sexual abuse

10 Child marriage

11. online safety

12 Evaluation

60

Groups

1125

Adolescents completed the sessions

1643

Newly enrolled



## Awareness Campaign in Schools

Awareness campaign on adolescent issues was organised at school level for children studying in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> std.

**9**

**Schools**

**1015**

**Adolescents covered**

Sessions were conducted once in a month on the following topics



Introduction



Adolescent stage



Reproductive system



Child marriage



Emotional and stress management



Evaluation

## Awareness on menstrual hygiene and reproductive health

Special session on menstrual hygiene and reproductive health was held at community level and in schools. The session created awareness on reproductive system, its functioning, menstrual cycle and the process, myth associated with menstruation, the need for hygiene and use of sanitary pads. They were introduced to cloth pads and informed of the advantages. Cloth pads were distributed to the participants.

The session was organised in 10 schools reaching out to 1093 students. Through community intervention 266 adolescents were reached. It was also conducted in two child care institutions- Seva chakra home (20 adolescents) and Sarvodaya girls home (63 adolescents) 1093 school students 266 community level

**1442**

**Total Adolescents Reached**



## Freed from child marriage

In October 2021, awareness session on child marriage was held as part of the school campaign in Corporation High School, Harinarayanapuram, Korukkupet. After the session one girl aged 14 years, studying in 9<sup>th</sup> std. shared with the Arunodhaya team that her family is planning to get her married to a boy from Andhra by the end of the month. She expressed her interest in continuing her studies and requested for support in speaking to her mother and stopping the marriage.

Arunodhaya team member visited the girl's house and spoke to her parents. Initially they were not willing to listen citing economic reasons for getting their daughter married. After a series of discussion on the importance of education, consequences of child marriage and the legislation, they accepted to postpone the marriage.

### Feedback - Menstrual hygiene and reproductive health sessions

- Gained knowledge on reproductive system and its function
- Got clear understanding that menstruation blood is not bad blood
- Expressed that hereafter they will feel proud and happy during the time of menstruation
- Will keep private parts neat and clean. Will take nutritional food during menstruation period
- Will use cloth pads and will be responsible to take care of our environment.
- Understood that, pills during menstruation will affect health, so will stop taking pills.
- One girl shared that before periods she had heavy white discharge and she was hesitant to share about this with others. After the session she shared about this to the team and her fear was gone. The trainer asked the girl to consult a doctor.
- One girl shared that she did not attend puberty and she is now 16 years old. Her parents and families are worried about this. The trainer suggested that its nothing to worry about this and asked them to consult doctor earlier and to get treated early. Taking nutritional food is important.
- Understood that if they come across any problem in menstruation or in reproductive system should consult doctor without any hesitation.
- Learnt about reproductive tract infections
- Menstruation is a natural process and there is nothing to worry/feel ashamed.
- Girls at school shared that they enjoyed the session on menstrual hygiene. No one has taught this kind of session and used to shy away to speak about menstruation but now understand the importance of menstruation and feel blessed.
- Teachers shared that they gained knowledge on menstrual hygiene and how to take class on reproductive system.

### Lifeskill development

Sessions on Life skills and exposure programmes were organised to develop the life skills of children to enable them to have the ability to lead their life facing challenges and be confident.

#### Life skill sessions

412 adolescents got trained in self awareness, leadership, team work, decision making, goal setting, relationship values, communication, emotional management and stress management

**412****Total Adolescents Reached**

- Learnt that during this age we may be misled by peers and others. After the training we understand the need to control ourselves and concentrate on our goals.
- Understood the importance of Goal setting and how to prioritize our work and how to make decision. This training was very helpful. Will share about this training with my family and friends.
- One child shared that he used to get angry easily and beat others. This training helped him to identify the reason for his behaviour and the ways to overcome this emotion. He also shared that he will follow the exercise regularly to overcome his anger

## Impact of Life Skill Training

Selvi. K. Pavithra, 16 years, MGR Nagar, Korukkupet attended life skill training for two days. She used to be reserved type and did not talk much or mingle with others. The training brought about a change in her. She met new friends. Games and tasks helped her mingle with others, the discussion provided space for her to express her opinion and voice out. Team building session and decision making session on day one helped her a lot to think how to solve problems as a group. Emotional management and stress management session on day two helped her how to control her emotions. She shared that she is very emotional if someone says anything she over thinks and also gets angry easily. She said that this training made her understand that human beings have the ability to control emotions and this can be done when we share and talk with others, otherwise it leads to stress and depression even suicidal thoughts. She never spoke in public but the training helped her stand and speak for her team and empowered her to speak in front of crowd.

Now, the girl is happily going to school and continuing her studies

## Exposure programmes

Exposure trips were organised for adolescents to gain better knowledge on their field of interest. Adolescents were interested in knowing about the functioning of police station hence a visit to H1 Police station was organised in which 27 adolescents participated. The Inspector interacted with the adolescents and explained about the role of constable to commissioner, types of guns, courses and trainings. Adolescents enquired with the Inspector about career in police department.



## COUNSELING AND HEALING UNIT (CHU)

Counseling and Healing Unit provide space for free expression to children, adolescents and youth who need psychological support to overcome risk situations. The affected individuals are identified through peer educators, community volunteers and referred to Counseling and Healing Unit. The clients are enabled through individual and group counselling to analyse the situation and take a constructive decision. Based on the need, the clients are also referred for medical and legal support.

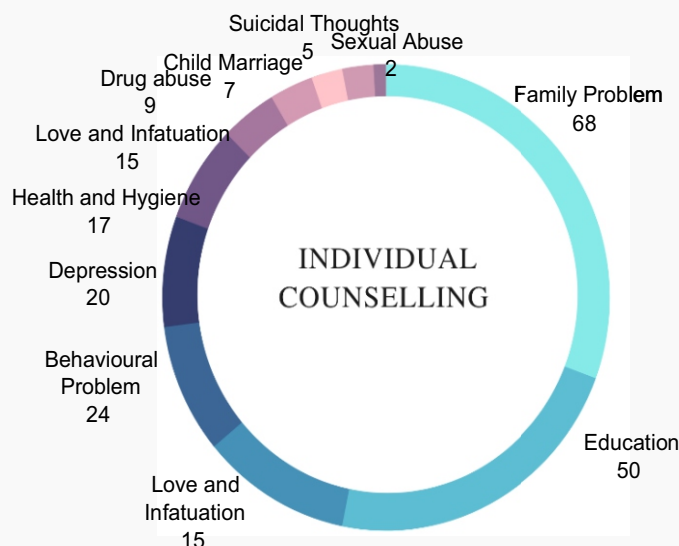
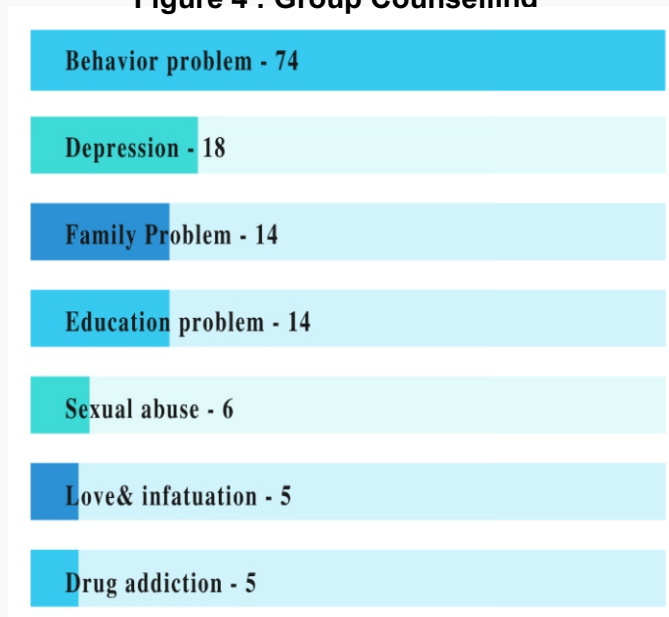
Individual counselling was provided to 222 members and group counselling to 136 members. The nature of problems is provided in figure 3 and figure 4.

222

Individual counselling

136

Group counselling

**Figure 3 : Individual Counselling**

**Figure 4 : Group Counselling**


## Multi-Disciplinary Team

Multi-disciplinary team is a specialized team comprising of psychiatrist, psychologist, lawyer, police, municipal councilors, school teachers. The team provides support to the CHU team in medical and legal aspects.

## CAMPAIGN ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Awareness session on safe and unsafe touch was conducted for children in the age group 6-10 years. Through games and pictures they were informed of the body parts and how to safeguard themselves. They were introduced to the SMART method- Shout, My body, Anyone has no right to touch me, Run, Tell. Through community intervention 44 sessions were conducted reaching out to 1,227 children

**1227**
**Children Reached**


**Korukupet:** At Karumariyammannagar, a 7 year old girl attended a session on safe and unsafe touch and her grandmother shared the incident to us. One day their relative came home and her cousin brother came and children used to sleep together and she took a pillow and kept between her cousin to avoid unnecessary touches and her grandmother asked why you kept pillow in between? She said I attended session on safe and unsafe touch and I don't want to be touched by others.

**Ennore:** Once the session on safe and unsafe touch got over trainer asked the children what if someone touches you they answered 'We will shout and tell them Don't Touch or if we find anything strange we will flee from the place and will inform our parents'.



## SHELTER FOR HOMELESS (BOYS)

The shelter home provides shelter to homeless boys, boys from dysfunctional families and those who run away from their house. Day and night visits were conducted to identify children in need of care and protection and referred to the shelter. It is a short stay home which provides for basic facilities and counsel the children for their further development. Education of children is ensured during this process.



Ram-16 years (name changed) was identified by Arunodhaya team member at Ennore bus stand. Since he was standing at the bus stop in school uniform during school hours, Arunodhaya volunteer spoke to him and got the information that he had a fight with his mother and was not interested in neither going to school nor home. He was found in a confused state. The team members spoke to him and brought him to the Shelter home. He was given food and made to relax. After some time, he opened up and said that his family stays in AIR site and he often had misunderstanding with his mother. She always scolded him and he did not feel like staying in the house. The counsellor called up the family and informed them that their child is in the shelter home. Ram said that he would stay in the shelter and go to school from here. In the meantime, the counsellor spoke to the mother and gave her information on adolescent stage, how to deal with them and understanding their behaviour. For few days he was going to school from the shelter, school uniform and other dress were brought from his home by the counsellor. Initially phone conversation between him and his mother was arranged. The mother came to the centre after five days both of them were counseled. Ram shared his feeling and mother also shared why she was scolding him. They understood each other and Ram went home happily with his mother. Now he is continuing his studies and enjoying his stay at home.



Like Ram twenty seven children were reached during the reporting period (April 2021 to March 2022) and guided in finding the right path. Twelve children were reintegrated with their families, two children were referred to child care institution and fourteen children continue to stay in the shelter home.

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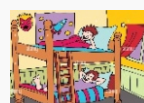
27



Reintegrated with  
family



Referred to Child care  
Institution



Currently staying in  
home



Total Children in 2022

## Education

Education is given the utmost priority and all the children were enrolled in school. During the school closure due to covid-19 pandemic special effort was taken to sustain the learning level of children. Class schedule was prepared and classes were taken. Children of higher classes who had online classes were facilitated to attend the online classes, write the exams online. School uniform and education materials were provided to the children to enable them to go to school without any difficulty.

**Table 1 : Education Status of Shelter Home**

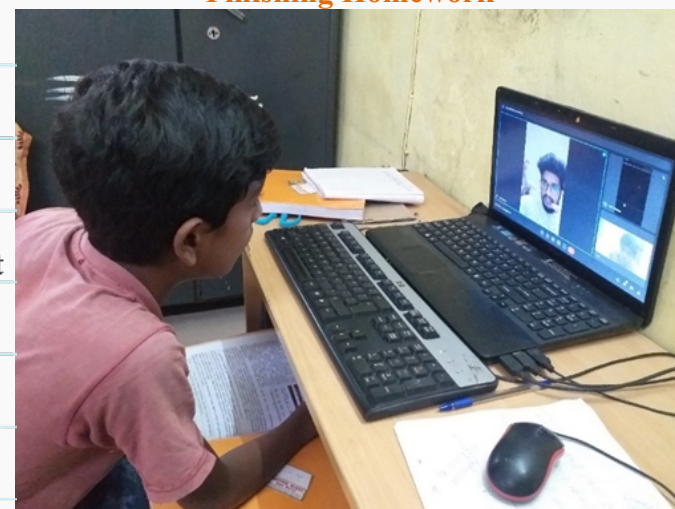
Level of education	No.of children	School
1	1	Chennai Primary School- RajaRathinam Nagar
2	1	Chennai Primary School- RajaRathinam Nagar
3	3	Chennai Primary School- RajaRathinam Nagar
4	3	Chennai Primary School- RajaRathinam Nagar
5	1	Chennai Primary School- RajaRathinam Nagar
5	4	Government higher secondary school-MKB
6	1	Chennai Primary School- RajaRathinam Nagar
6	3	Government higher secondary school-MKB
7	1	Government High School- kodungaiyur
7	2	Government higher secondary school-MKB
9	1	Government higher secondary school-MKB
10	1	Chennai Higher Secondary School, Patel Nagar-Tondiarpet
10	1	Chennai High school- Ranganadhapuram
10	1	Government High School- Kodungaiyur
10	1	Government higher secondary school-Lakshmi kovil
11	1	Government higher secondary school-Kathivaakkam



**Ready for school**



**Finishing Homework**



**Immersed in online class**



Special online courses were also organized with the support of volunteers from Bhumi, Ladies circle and college students. Spoken English class and computer classes were organized every week. Special mathematics online coaching was held for children in 10<sup>th</sup> std. Shelter home staff assisted the children in attending the regular online classes organized by schools and facilitated the children in writing online exams.

When the schools reopened in November, children prepared a video showing the precautions to be taken by children while going to school such as washing of hands, use of mask, to follow traffic rules, not to take lift from unknown persons. The video was uploaded on Arunodhaya YouTube which created awareness among other children also.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1118gHV-IOg>

Follow up was done with children who were reintegrated with their families to ensure their continuous education. Four children completed 12<sup>th</sup> std. and they are continuing college education. Their feel very proud of their children as they are the first generation learners. Two children completed 10<sup>th</sup> std.



### Interaction with Teacher

Regular school visits were done by staff members. They received the progress report and participated in the PTA meetings. Discussion with the teachers helped in assisting the child to improve his performance in school. Staff members also participated in special celebrations in school to motivate children during their performances.

Newspaper reading activity was conducted every day which made the children to improve their general knowledge and keep themselves abreast of new developments.



To develop the reading skill among children, library is maintained. Children read from the books in the library and share it with other children. This develops their comprehension and narration skill.



### Follow Up House Visit

Shelter home staff visits shelter home children's houses and follow up children's houses to monitor and analyse their family financial status, children education status and child development ect. Through house visit staff members were able to ensure children's needs and take immediate action to help them.

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Sekar 11 years (name changed) family lives in Border thottam, Royapettah. He was one year old when his mother died due to ill health. His father is addicted to alcohol and did not take care of him. He was brought up by his aunt and uncle. There was frequent quarrel between his aunt and uncle which affected Sekar to a great extent and he felt worthless and aimless.

Sekar was identified during area visit and was enrolled in the shelter home with the consent of his aunt. Sekar had very low self esteem, short tempered and used bad language. He was regularly counseled to develop self esteem, and self-confidence, and a way to express his individual talents. He was enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> std. and is happy to go to school regularly.

During the counseling process he mentioned that his ambition is become an astronaut. He has written down the steps he need to take to achieve his goal Now he has started reading science books in the library and shared what he learnt with other children. Whenever any article appears in newspaper related to space science he cuts and pastes it on the notice board. At the shelter he is also assisted to watch videos related to space science and supporting his interest.

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## Nutrition and Health

Children are provided with nutritious food- breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner. During school days children take lunch at school. The food menu is prepared by the children food committee in consultation with all children. A nutritious diet is provided to children.



### Enjoying the breakfast



General medical camp is conducted every month in collaboration with Primary Health Centre, Greater Chennai Corporation. Height and weight of children are monitored, doctors provide advice if any special care to be taken. Children suffering from illness were taken to hospital for treatment. First aid box is maintained at the shelter.



Health check up



Monitoring the growth of children

## Special Health Camp

During Covid-19 pandemic special effort was taken to keep the children safe. Children were made aware of preventive measures, regular handwashing was followed. Kabasura kudineer was given to the children to build up their immunity. Covid-19 tests were conducted for all the staff and children and they were found to be negative. Visitors were not encouraged, if they came precautionary measures were ensured. All the staff were vaccinated. When the vaccination for children was introduced, children were also given vaccine.

Special health camp was organised during the flood in the month of December 2021. This helped in maintaining the health of the children and keeping them safe.



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Medical Camps Conducted

## Counseling and Rehabilitation

Individual and group counseling was conducted with the children. The counseling process aimed at identifying the strength and weakness of children, guide them in setting their goal in life and moving towards it, Children needing special psychiatric care were referred to hospital for treatment.

Through the counseling process children developed self confidence, self dignity, improved their communication skills, imbibed team spirit, performed well in studies, were able to identify their strengths and weaknesses and work on it, set their goals in life and pursued it,



Counselor visited the schools where the children were studying and interacted with the teachers on the areas of improvement needed. The families of the children were also visited and the parents/guardians counseled. They were invited for sensitization session on child protection. Through these sessions twelve children have been reintegrated with their families and follow up is being done.

## Creative and Recreative Activities

### Craft and Art activity

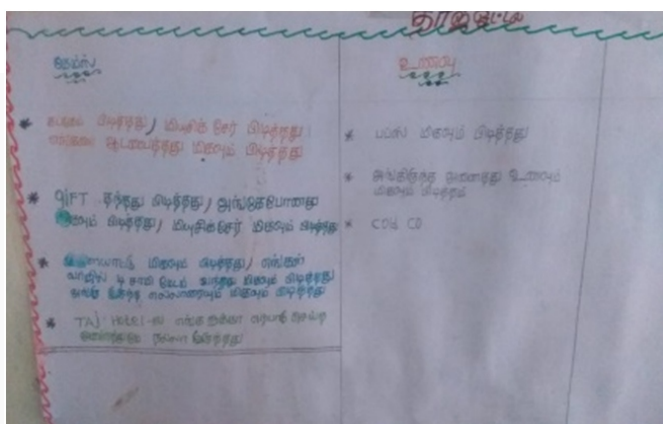
Craft and art activities were organised to ignite innovation and creative spirit in the children. They learn to manage time effectively and create art from waste. They learnt to make thank you letters, greeting cards, table decorations, pencil box, clay making and a clock with the parts of an old clock. Children were happy to surprise the sponsors with the greeting cards and thank you cards, table decorations and pen stands made by them. Children felt proud of the clock made by them and it is adorning the wall in the shelter premises.





## A day of fun at Hotel Taj Coromandel

Children had a joyful evening at Hotel Taj Coromandel on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. As part of volunteering week activity, staff of Hotel Taj hosted a party for the children. Fun games, cultural event and delicious snacks filled the heart and mind of children. On their return to the shelter children expressed their happiness of the programme at Taj through drawing and writing. They said that they enjoyed the food, the place, dancing and interacting with the Taj staff.



## Indoor Games

Indoor games were organized to develop team spirit and improve concentration. Children played ball games, chess, carrom board etc. They were also trained in Judo.



## Drawing and Painting

Children were engaged in drawing and painting. Crayons, colours, paints and other needed materials were provided. Bhumi trust conducted a competition for children in drawing and gave prizes which encouraged their children to develop more interest in drawing. A drawing competition was organised by Chennai Police West zone on the eve of National Hero day on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Our shelter home student Karthik won the second prize.





## Nurturing Nature

This year children had a special experience of gardening and enjoying the environment of green plants. Thanks to Chennai Resilience centre who provided plant seeds, sapling, natural manure and oriented children on gardening. Children were excited to sow the seeds, add manure and enjoyed observing the plants grow and bear fruits and vegetables. They were so proud to harvest greens and vegetables and use them for cooking. Children also had blue tea from *Sangu* flower. Each child adopted a plant, they learnt about the plant, its medicinal properties etc. and shared it with others..The park area was also renovated and traditional tree saplings were planted with the support of volunteers from *Aathi kuzhi*. The green plants brought in new visitors- butterflies. Children who were only used to seeing flies and mosquitoes were delighted to see the butterflies. It added lot of positive energy and joy in the children.



## Celebration and Commemoration of Special Days and Events

Special days such as birthdays of leaders, national days, religious festivals and UN days were celebrated and commemorated. These celebrations widen the knowledge of children, they learn positive values from the lives of great leaders, develop patriotic spirit and appreciate the importance of special UN days.

### Remembering National leaders

Children were informed of the greatness of leaders such as Dr. Ambedkar, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Thiru Kamaraj



Independence day and Republic days were celebrated with hoisting of flag. The celebration helped the children to know about the history of our country and develop patriotism



### International Days

International days such as Earth day, International day against child labour, International girl child day, World book day, No tobacco day, Child rights day were observed. Children got awareness on the different issues

#### Earth day



#### No Tobacco Day





## World Day against Child Labour



## Madras Day Celebrations



## Children's Day



## Festivals and Celebrations

Celebration of festivals foster friendship, solidarity and appreciate the culture and traditions. All festivals such as Deepavali, Ramzan, Christmas, Pongal were celebrated. On these days children were informed of the importance of these festivals.

Children's day celebrations were held and this year Madras day was celebrated with much fun and galore.

## Christmas Celebrations



## Birthday Celebration

Children's birthday is celebrated every month. During the celebration children share good things about the birthday boy and motivate. They cut cake and have their favorite dish as snacks for the day. Children also prepare greeting cards and gift it to them.



## Child Protection Measures

Protection of children physical, emotional and sexual is accorded top priority.



### Child Protection Policy

The shelter home has a child protection policy. All the staff are oriented on it and asked to sign. The volunteers are also requested to sign the child protection policy.



### Training

Children are regularly trained on child protection measures



### Suggestion box

Suggestion box is kept at the shelter in which the children are encouraged to put in their opinion. It is opened every month during the shelter review meeting held in the presence of the executive director and action taken on it



### Helpline

The telephone is within the reach of the children and the numbers of Executive Director and Counselor are displayed at the shelter and children have the freedom to speak to them. They are also aware of Childhelpline



## Shelter Home Governance and Administration

### Child Participation in Shelter

Children council is formed at the Shelter level to ensure child participation in the management of the shelter. Different committees have been formed such as

Education	Cleanliness	Food	Recreation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The education committee plans and monitors the education activities at the shelter and looks into the education needs of the children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleanliness committee takes care of keeping the shelter clean</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food committee is responsible for developing the food menu in consultation with other children and follow up on the food supplied</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation committee plans the recreation activities. It is responsible for the play items and recreation items.</li> </ul>

Leaders were elected for each committee. The committees meet once in a month. Children take an active part in the running of the shelter home.

### Shelter Monitoring Committee (SMC)

Shelter Monitoring Committee is formed with representation from zonal office, police, health department, SUH- GCC, local leaders, children and staff. SMC meets once in a month and discuss about the activities at the shelter and the need. A review of the activities during the month, issues of concern, support requested from Police, GCC and suggestions from the members were taken.



### Human Resources

One coordinator, one caretaker, one day security and one night security function full time. One part time counselor and one part time Thematic facilitator provides support to the shelter home.

### Planning and Evaluation

Weekly review was conducted at the Shelter level facilitated by the Thematic facilitator. Monthly review is conducted along with the Executive Director. Annual planning and evaluation is conducted with the participation of children.

### Monitoring visits from Greater Chennai Corporation

Associate Project Coordinator of Shelter for Urban Homeless project- GCC visited the Shelter every month and monitors the functioning of the shelter. She did a review of the work carried out and provided suggestions for the improvement of the shelter. She interacted with the children and appraised herself about the activities. Project coordinator also visited the Shelter and participated in different events.

## RAILWAY CHILDLINE CHILD HELP DESK

Child help desk (CHD) in Egmore railway station functions 24\*7 to protect every child who comes in contact with Egmore railway station. CHILDLINE team members are present at the Help desk round the clock. It is supported by Ministry of Women and Child Development through Childline India Foundation and is implemented in collaboration with Ministry of Railways. The project was started in June 2015 and 2,766 children have been rescued and rehabilitated till March 2022. During the period April 2021 to March 2022, 174 children were rescued with the support of CHD team members, GRP, RPF, Railway officials, Sahayaks, Cleaning staff, Auto and taxi drivers and passengers.

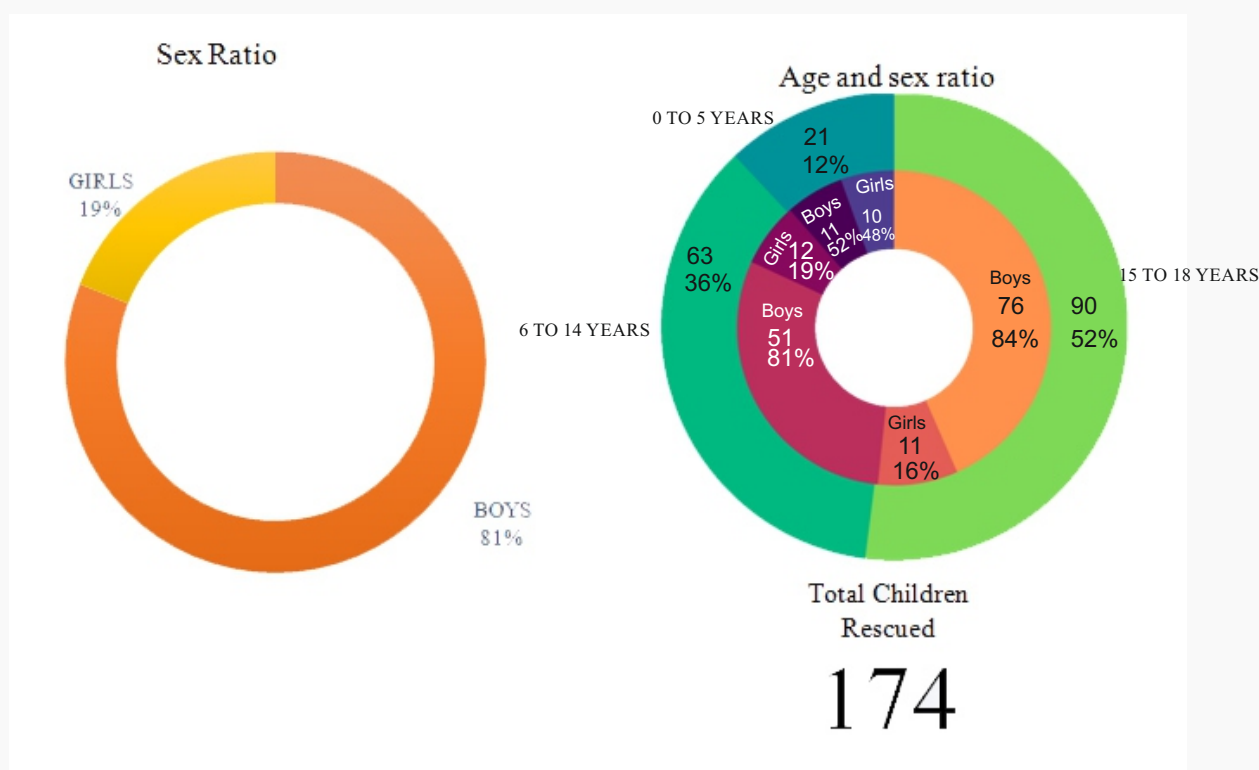
The challenges and hardships faced were many. But all these pass away with the look of relief on the face of the parents when they find a missing child, the smiling face of children when they are reunited with the parents the list goes on. These are the energizer or the tonic that triggers the CHD team to work relentlessly to identify children in need of care and protection in and around Egmore railway station and rehabilitate them.



*My son (12 yrs) ran away from home because I scolded him, I am a painter, I don't want my child to struggle like me in his life. So I did everything that made him happy but he is not obedient and not going to school properly and wandering with area friends. So, I scolded him, don't know how to handle him. By God's grace, he was rescued by RCL members, not able to imagine, what would have happened to him and thanks for giving counseling for both of us. We realize our mistake and understood how to handle the problem in a win-win situation. -Father of a child*



**Figure 5 : Details of children rescued**



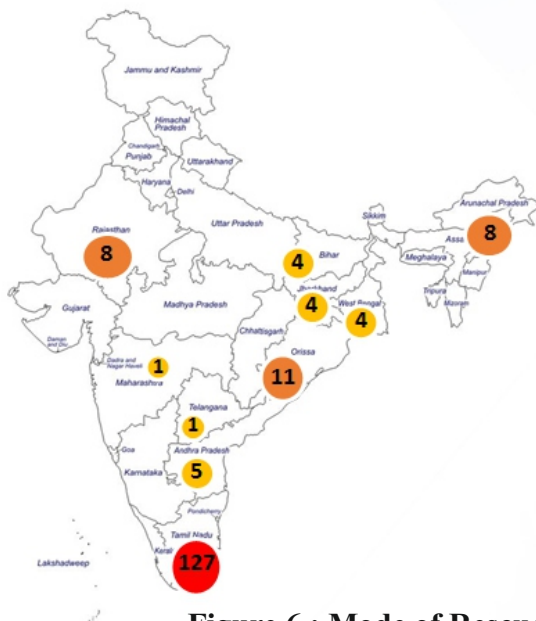
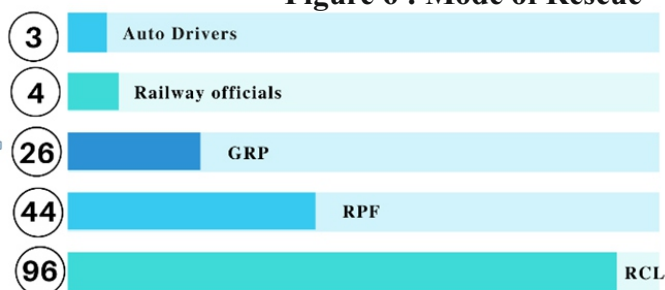


Figure 6 : Mode of Rescue



## State Wise Representation of Children

An analysis of the State wise representation of children reveals that 127 (74%) children were from Tamil Nadu and 46 (26%) children from other states. Among the children rescued from other states the highest number of children were rescued from Odisha 11(24%).Next highest number of children were from Rajasthan 8(17%) and Assam 8(17%), children rescued from Andhra Pradesh were 5(11%), number of children rescued from West Bengal was 4(9%),children rescued from Bihar were 4(9%),children rescued from Jharkhand were 4(9%), children rescued from Telangana was 1 (2%) and the children rescued from Maharastra was 1(2%).

## Mode of Rescue

The children were rescued by RCL team members, RPF, Railway officials, GRP and Auto drivers.RCL Team rescued 96(56%) children, RPF rescued 44(25%) children, GRP rescued 26(15%)children, Railway officials rescued 4(2%) children and Auto drivers rescued 3(2%) children.

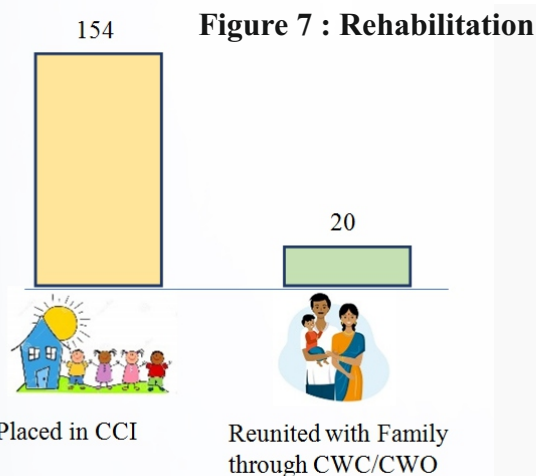
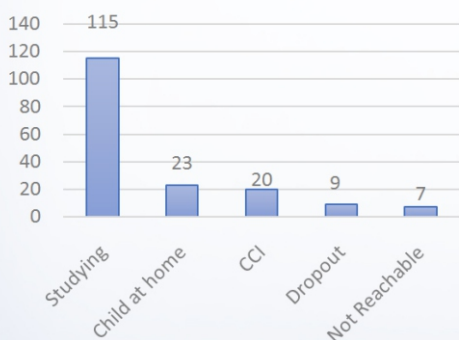


Figure 7 : Rehabilitation

## Rehabilitation

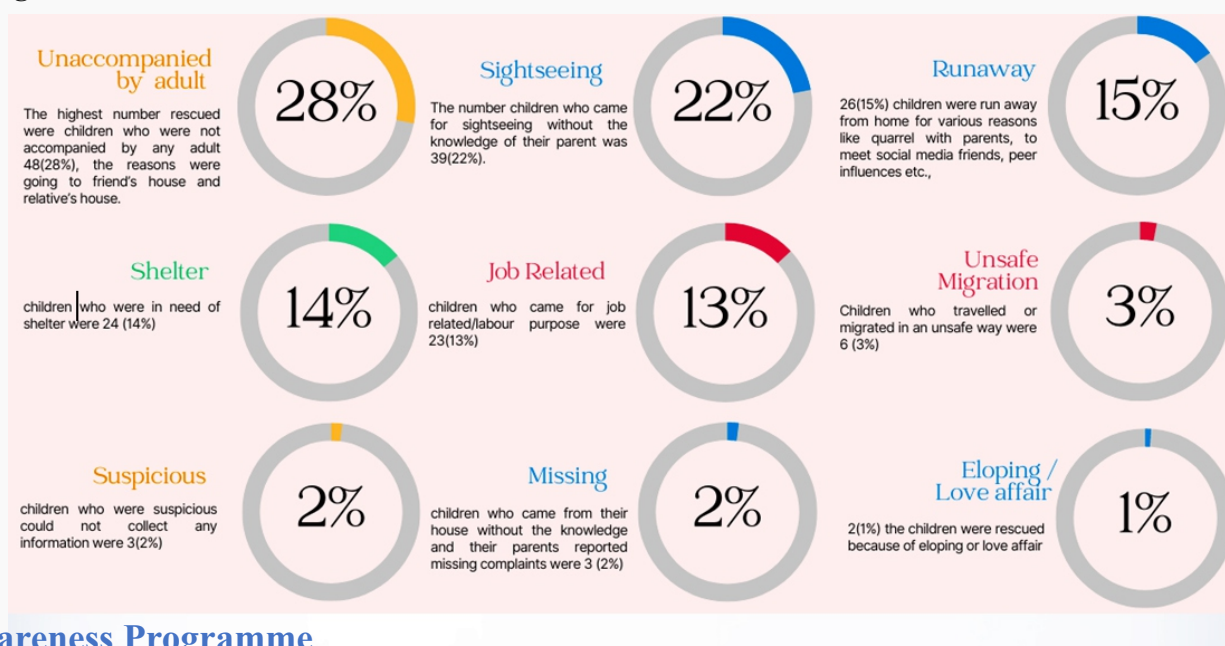
Among 174 children rescued by CHDK154 (89%) of the children were reunited with their parents with the support of CWO, GRP, RPF and CWC after verification of the documents. In instances, where the family cannot be reached as well as the child was in need of shelter, the child was admitted in CCI (Child Care Institutions). 20 (11%) children were placed in CCI

## Follow Up



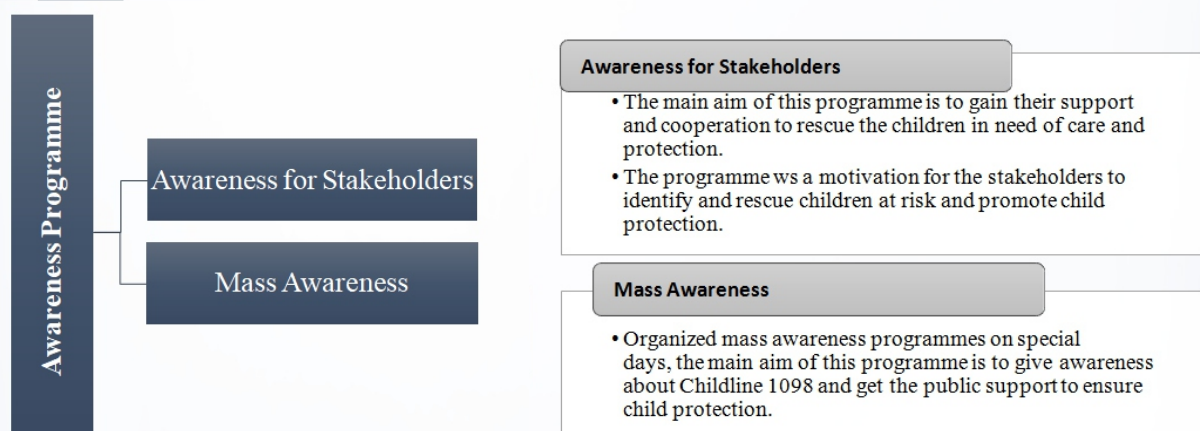
## Follow Up

Follow up done on the rehabilitated children by CHD team members revealed that 115(66%) of children are continuing their studies, 20(12%) of the children are staying at CCI , 23 (13%) of the children are at home, next academic year, they are going to enroll in school. 7 (4%) of the parents did not respond to the call or the number was not reachable. 9 (5%) of the children are school dropout.

**Figure 9 : Reasons for Rescue**


## Awareness Programme

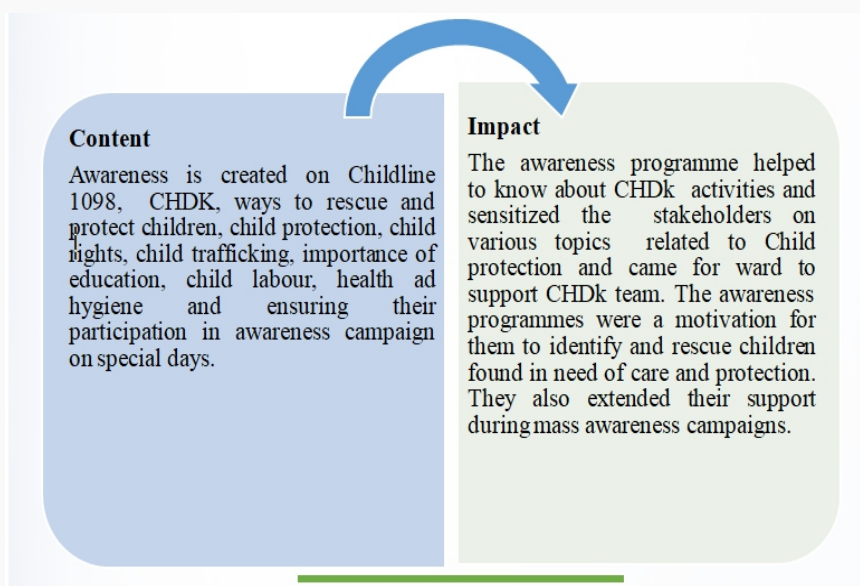
Awareness programmes were organized to sensitize the stakeholders as well as general public on Childline 1098 and Child protection. Two types of awareness programmes were organized by CHD.



## Awareness Programme for Stakeholders

### Stakeholders Reached

- Railway officials
- Government Railway Police,
- Railway Protection Force,
- Krystal staff
- Carrier and Wagon staff
- SSE workers
- Sahayaks
- Prepaid Auto and Taxi drivers
- Shop owners.





## Mass Awareness Programme

Mass awareness programme conducted on special days

World Day against Child Labour -12th June 2021
World Day against Human Trafficking - 30th July 2021
National Girl Child Day - 12th January 2022
Childline Se-Dosti celebration -14th to 20th November 2021

## Childline Se Dosti Week Celebration 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021

“**CHILDLINE Se Dosti**” is a week-long national campaign aims to make ordinary citizens into stakeholders in CHILDLINE 1098. Every year **November 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>** is observed as the **CHILDLINE Se Dosti Week** across the country. The ostensible purpose of this campaign is to generate a million of “Friends” for CHILDLINE. The aim is to acquaint the community to the concepts of Child Rights and Child Protection and make them pro-active in order to create a safe environment for children in the country. This year main focus was given to child trafficking. The inauguration was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November at the station premises. This was followed by a week of awareness programmes

Signature campaign supporting child protection

Photo frame and selfie

Face painting

Special Child Help Group meeting

Screening of Komal Video film

Street play

Awareness rally with stakeholders

The Valedictory function was held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Volunteers such as prepaid auto drivers, taxi drivers, Krystal staff, SSE workers were given Friends of Railway Childline Badge as a token of appreciation for their efforts in helping ChildLine rescue children in need of care and protection



1450 adults

650 children got aware on Childline.

100 volunteers have showed their Support



“

I was able to understand what abuse is. I did not know the difference between safe touch and unsafe touch; with this video I now know what abuse is. I should be alert if I see any child going through bad phase and also spread this information to my friends and relatives. I will support Childline ”

## World Day Against Child Labour

Millions of children throughout the world are involved in work that deprives them of receiving an adequate education, health, leisure and basic freedoms, violating this way their rights.

Let us raise our voice and take action against Child Labour.

*Support  
To Protect Children from Trafficking*

*Oppose  
Any harm being caused to any child*

*Speak up  
Against those involved in trafficking*

*Help  
Children celebrate childhood*

*Treat  
Children with dignity respect and love*

*I \_\_\_\_\_ Promise to be true  
to say no to child trafficking and make more  
people aware of this .*

## World day against Trafficking in person

This year's theme for the World Day against Trafficking in Persons highlights the importance of listening to and learning from survivors of human trafficking. Survivors as key actors in the fight against human trafficking. They play a crucial role in establishing effective measures to prevent this crime, identify and rescue victims and support them on their road to rehabilitation. Stake holders took the oath against human trafficking. Ms. Priya, Project coordinator, CHDK explained about the problem in perspective of children in Contact with Railway station.

## National Girl Child Day

National girl child day was celebrated on 24 January 2021 at Egmore railway Station. Girl children were greeted with chocolate and Suraksha band was tied to the girl children. Spoke to parents at the station premises on the importance of girl child and child protection. Totally 425 members were reached out through this celebration.





## Open House

Open house was organized with women and children's groups from homeless community. During the programme, they were sensitized on Childline 1098, importance of education, health and hygiene, child protection, consequences of child marriage, drug and substance abuse. 5 open houses were held during the reporting period.

Issues and problems mentioned by the children during open house	Action Taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health and hygiene, Lack of awareness on importance of testing.</li> <li>Myths about vaccination</li> <li>Lack of awareness about menstrual hygiene (Adolescent girls)</li> <li>Less interest in education.</li> <li>School Dropouts</li> <li>Education status of the children, Career Counseling.</li> <li>Child protection, Drug abuse, Child Marriage, Child labour and Child Marriage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaccination camps were organized.</li> <li>Awareness programme conducted on menstrual hygiene and distributed organic sanitary pads.</li> <li>Sanitary items and sanitary pads were distributed to adolescent girls.</li> <li>Two children enrolled in higher education.</li> <li>Counseling given to children not interested in education.</li> <li>5 Children enrolled in school.</li> <li>Career counseling programme was organized.</li> <li>Counseling given to drug addict children.</li> </ul>

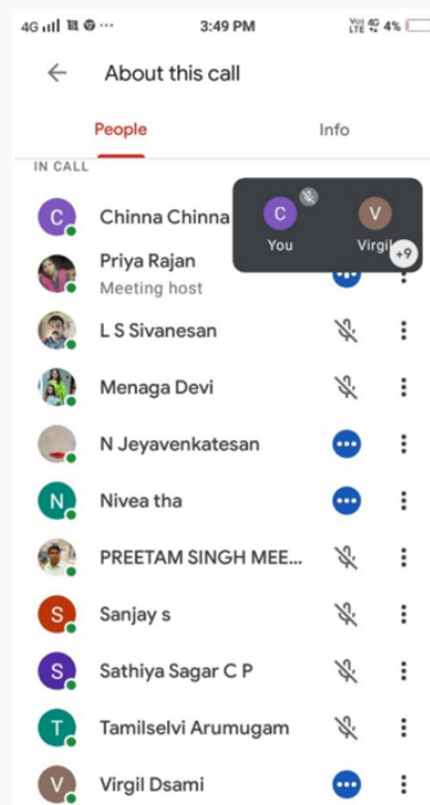
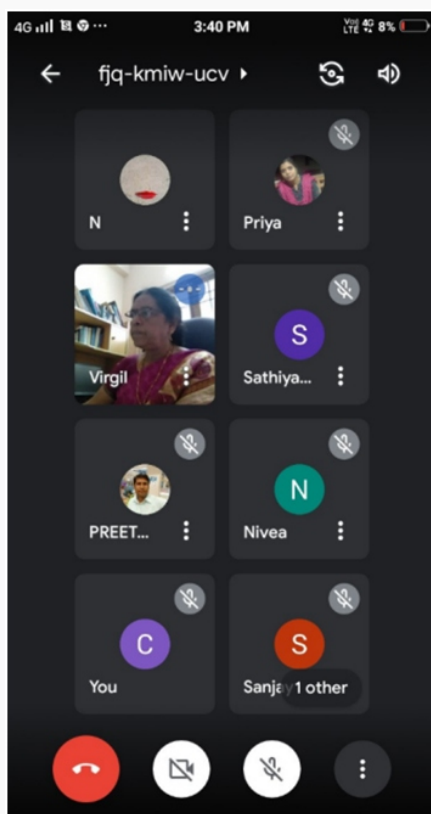


## Child Help Group Meeting

Child Help Group meeting was organized every month with the support of the Station Directors. 12 meetings were organized. SD, DSMR, Health officers, RPF, GRF, SSE worker, Krystal supervisor, Carrier and Wagon supervisor, Executive Director, Arunodhaya and CHILDLINE team member participated in the meeting. The Child Help Group members have given full support to CHD and a good rapport has been created.

The outcomes of the meetings were

Train visit along with GRP/RPF to other station.
Jingles on importance of vaccination was prepared and played in station.
Awareness boards were put up in platforms to make general public to know about proper channel to help the children, avoid illegal adoption and ensure child protection.
Utilization of station imprest fund for food.
Two action points emerged to identify trafficked children in short time. Since the TTE/TTRs are travelling in the train, they are the apt persons to identify trafficked children. Hence training and awareness should be organized for them so that they can identify such children and immediately report at the next station.
During the arrival of vulnerable trains, CHDK members can divide themselves into two groups, with each group covering the train from both the ends, they can look through the window and this may help in identifying children in distress situation.
To identify children in unreserved coaches, the following action was finalized. RCL to deploy their staff 15-20 mins prior to arrival and departure of trains near the entrance and exits to keep an eye on passengers moving towards unreserved coaches especially in trains where children are at high risk to get trafficked. 3 children were rescued through this activity.
Jingles on Childline and CHDK playing frequently at railway premises





## Capacity building

**Table 2 : Details of Staff Training**

Date	Topic	Resource person	Impact
23.04.2021	Refresher training on Child Labour	Ms.Suriyakala, Training and Resource Officer.	Got the knowledge about the way pandemic impact the raise in child labour and the role of childline to eradicate child labour
11.06.2021 and 12.06.2021	Child Marriage protocol and Intervention steps.	Ms.Suriyakala, Training and Resource Officer.	Clearly explained about Prevention of child marriage act and the protocol and intervention steps need to taken by Childline.  The way to overcome the challenges while stopping child marriages.
22.06.2021 and 23.06.2021	Informed Counseling and Self care	Nimisha Srivastava, Executive Director, Counsel to Secure Justice.  Nikita Katava, Lead, Social workers, Restorative Justice.  Urvashi Tilak, Director, Restorative Justice.Arti Mohan, Programme Officer, Restorative Justice.  Shivangini Singh, Project Coordinator, CIF.	Clearly understood about informed counselling techniques.  It is understood that how selfcare is important in life and how selfcare give positive mindis clearly explained
18.07.2021	Motivation and Positive thinking	K.Priya, Project Coordinator.	The way to start the day with positive thinking and got self motivated. This training helped to do self analysis and motivated us to work effectively.
23.08.2021 and 24.08.2021	Child Trafficking	Ms.Suriyakala, Training and Resource Officer.	Clearly understood about causes and consequences of child trafficking and the way to get the stakeholders support to eradicate child trafficking
15.09.2021	Kinship care	AlpaVora, Child Protection Specialist UNICEF.  Anjali Sood, Miracle Foundation, India.  ShilpaVaishnav, Samvedana Trust.  Alhassan Abdullah, Ph.D Scholar.	The way to ensure the protective kinship care
29.03.2021	Revised SOP Training	K.Priya, Programme officer, Arunodhaya	Ms. Priya clearly explained about the revised SOP.  The role and responsibility of Primary stakeholders and Secondary stakeholders.
31.03.2022	How to handle a child and How to approach a child in counseling.	Dr.KumarShankar, Psychiatric doctor.	Clearly got the knowledge of how to analyse the children's situation and how to identify the children in need and got to know about the way of handling different mentality.

**Table 3 : Training for Stakeholders**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Topic/Session</b>	<b>Impact/Feedback</b>
<b>27.04.2021</b>	TTR/TTE, GRP,RPF	Psycho social support to children during this situation of COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown.	<p>This training was very helpful to understand children mentality.</p> <p>Through this training we understood how to take care of our children during pandemic.</p> <p>This training helps to understand children and their mental state.</p> <p>By this training we came to know how we can help a child to overcome stress.</p> <p>We will help when we come across a child in need of support.</p> <p>We assure to give more attention and spend time with children.</p>
<b>14.09.2021, 22.09.2021 to 25.09.2021</b>	TTR/TTE,GRP, RPF	To train the stakeholders to identify children in need of care and protection and refer them to Childline.	<p>The participants learnt about the activities of Childline and CHDK.</p> <p>The participants shared their work limitations and suggested the training programmes could be in virtual mode for more convenience.</p> <p>The participants learnt about child trafficking and laws pertaining to it.</p> <p>The participants expressed that a token of appreciation can be given to encourage the participants who are involved in rescue of children.</p> <p>The participants actively participated in all the activities conducted.</p> <p>The participants expressed their willingness to be a part of the rescue of children by taking an oath.</p> <p>The participants clearly understood their roles and responsibly.</p>



### **Coping with New Environment**

Rani (name changed) 16 yrs. old girl was rescued by RPF on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 12 noon and referred to CHDK with memo. The girl left the house as she felt uncomfortable when her mother had a second marriage. She faced difficulty in accepting the new relationship- step father. She was emotionally disturbed and felt unsure about her future. The team member counseled her on her vulnerability if she is not continuing her education, and in being alone. After getting the contact of her mother, the team spoke to the mother about the situation and the fear of the girl. The mother also understood and promised to give special care to the girl. The girl was sent home with the mother. Through follow up it has been ascertained that the girl is regularly going to school, she has accepted the new family environment and the mother is also giving good care to the child.



### **Prevented from being homeless**

Keerthi(7), Selva(5) name changed, two children were rescued along with their mother from 4th platform on 28th Feb 2022 around 10am. While rescuing the children were very tired, hungry and frightened. During intervention the mother informed that her husband died six months back, she has four children. Due to financial crisis, she was not able to take care of the children. No relatives were ready to help her. She admitted two children in CCI in Nagercoil. That CCI is only for children above 10 yrs, so she came to Chennai along with two younger children to find a job. She requested RCL member to find shelter and job for her. First she was placed in Myrtle home along with her children. RCL member understood the situation; shelter is not the only remedy for her problems, so they spoke with Sevachakkara home about job vacancy. Now, the mother is working as a cook and getting Rs.10000/ as monthly salary. The children are staying in the same home, and going to school regularly. Her self esteem level increased and now she is confident to face any situation.





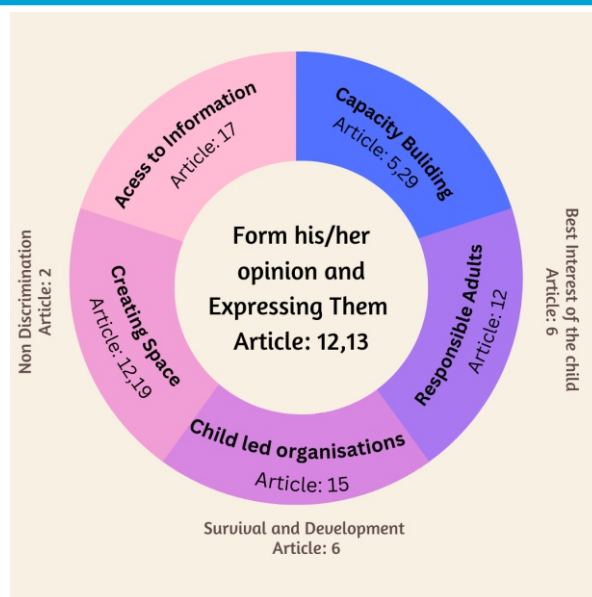
# CHILD PARTICIPATION



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“State Parties shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child”. Art. 12UNCRC.

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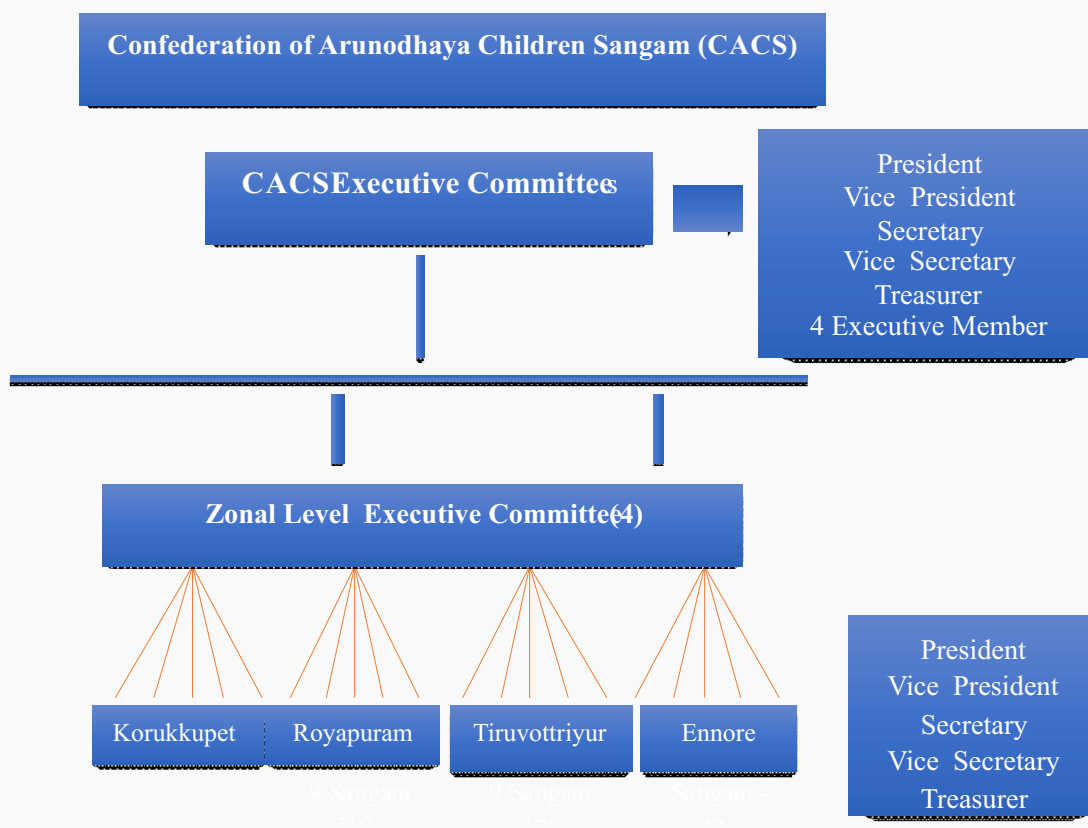


The interventions are aimed at providing access to information, building the capacity of children, creating space for children to participate, facilitating child led organisation and creating responsible adults.

## CHILD LED ORGANISATON

Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam (CACS) has emerged as the child-led organisation with a democratic structure and leadership taken by children. There are 75 units of CACS with 2750 members.

**Figure 10 : Structure of CACS**



Area level meetings were held once in a month. Zonal and Confederation level meetings were held once in three months. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the zonal and confederation level meetings were held online. Children discussed on Covid-19 issues, child labour, child marriage, online abuse, drug addiction among children, addiction to mobile, need for psychological support, education. During these meetings children also planned for the 20 years celebration of CACS.

In 2020 elections could not be held due to Covid-19. Children expressed the need to hold election during this year and decided to have the election online. CACS executive committee planned the election process. Area level and zonal level elections were held in person. The executive members were elected online. Google format was used for voting.

## CACS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NAME	ZONE	POSITION
J. SAM DICROSE	Korukkupet	President
R. SANGAMITHRA	Korukkupet	Vice-President
P. JAI	Ennore	Secretary
P. ANU	Ennore	Joint Secretary
P. MADHAN	Korukkupet	Treasurer
M. RANJITH	Ennore	Member
W. PUSHAMARY	Royapuram	Member
S. RAMYA	Thiruvottiyur	Member
SOLOMON	Thiruvottiyur	Member

Since Samdicrose was unable to continue, the EC met in November and selected Sangamitra, the Vice President to be the President. The Executive members were trained in leadership qualities, decision making and communication. The team took a lead in identifying issues and initiating actions, motivated area and zonal level.

In each zone, Peer supporters volunteered to support in increasing membership, ensuring participation of children in meetings, trainings and programmes. 117 peer supporters (55 boys and 62 girls) actively participated.

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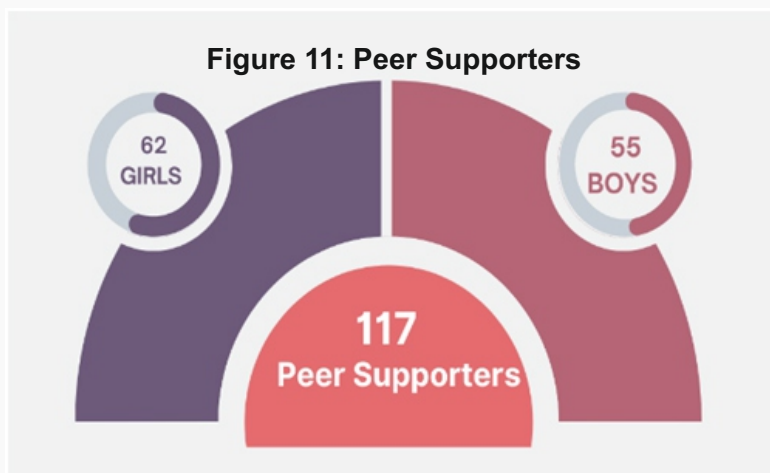
*I was voted and elected as Secretary of CACS. It gave me great responsibility to voice out for other children in my area and fulfil their demands.*

*Through this I got opportunity to convey many of their plight through videos.*

*P.Jai (Male) 16 years  
Secretary, CACS*

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Figure 11: Peer Supporters





## INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Covid-19 opened up the vista of digital communication, bringing it to the reach of children and adolescents. It led to a manifold increase in online communication through Facebook, Instagram, Youtube etc. Arunodhaya invested in developing the skills of children in producing short video and documentaries through which they expressed their opinion, views and ideas on issues concerning them.

### Training for adolescents on short film making

- 1 Shooting Techniques , Documentary vs Short film, Script writing methods and Topics for documentary film.
- 2 Fiction vs Nonfiction, Importance of Script writing, Area of improvement- handling camera, location and character fixation and Video vs Audio, Topics for short videos and Script review.
- 3 Methods of photography, narrative photography, natural light classification based on direction, screenplay detailing. The way to create a screenplay with single headlines.
- 4 Concept of one line story, direction, editing, editing software, variation between director point of view and editor point of view and final output.



**25** Adolescents participated

**57** Videos produced

**5** Short film produced

**2674** Views in Social Media

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First time, I acted in short film. While seeing my acting in screen, I am so happy and also it boosts my self confidence level.-

Madhan (Male),  
15 years old,  
Korukkupet.

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Video documentation is an art. These trainings are blessings for girls like me. We are not in the position to pay course fee. I decided my career after trainings. I want to become an editor.

Swathy (Female),  
15 years old,  
Korukkupet

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## Details of short films

### Short Films - 5

Drug and Substance abuse- Stories of recoveries.

Measures to be undertaken for protection from third wave of COVID-19.

Life before and after Covid-19.

Inspiration stories- Volunteers helped during second wave.

Frontline Warriors

### Short Videos - 57

Consequences of Child labour - 21

Consequences of Child Marriage -2

Importance of Education - 5

Child Protection - 10

Importance of Vaccination - 2

Covid-19 appropriate behaviour - 11

Enrolment Campaign - 2

Menstrual Hygiene - 4

“When I am saying 'camera rolling, action', I felt like flying in the sky. No words to explain my feelings. My heartfelt thanks to Arunodhaya and UNICEF for giving me an opportunity to participate in this training. The Training was very useful for me. I am a youtuber, through Google I learned few techniques. In was unable to join in training course due to financial crisis. Now I learned lot of techniques and software. I will teach the children like me without any fee in future.”

**S.Vignesh(Male), 16 years old, Tamilan Nagar, Tondiarpet**

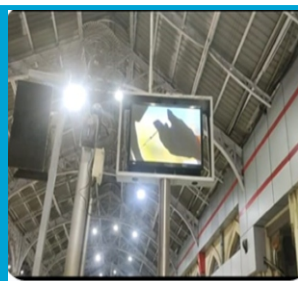
“Editing process and photography was very exciting to me. I loved the training. Hereafter I shall take all photographs and edit them on events at my home. I want to become a best photographer. I attended the Cycle rally at Ennore and took many pictures. I put my learning and it was an amazing experience—

**Ranjith,(Male) 16 yrs,Ennore**



In recent days illegal adoption message was going viral on social media. The adolescents felt the need to create awareness on the issue among the general public. In order to create awareness to avoid these types of message, also make general public to know about proper channel to help the children and ensure child protection, the adolescents prepared a video and posted it on the You-tube and shared in whatsapp. This was viewed by 2674 members.

<https://youtu.be/qtQ7TZNIInd>



The adolescents prepared a jingle to create awareness on the importance of vaccination. This was selected to be relayed on the public address system of Egmore railway station. Thousands of passengers are viewing this message.



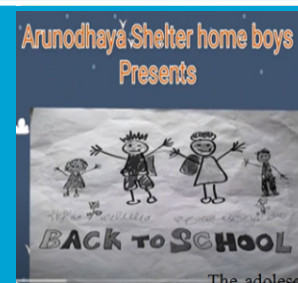
Child labour is on the increase due to the closure of school. This has been discussed in the Children Sangam very often. During the World day against child labour it was decided to prepare a video with information against child labour. The video was posted on Arunodhaya You- tube and shared on whatsapp. This was viewed by 2420 members.

<https://youtu.be/SIROO8qU02s>  
<https://youtu.be/qzb-3yS6f9c>



Children created awareness video on COVID 19 precaution methods and Importance of vaccine. It was posted on Arunodhaya You- tube and shared on WhatsApp. This was viewed by 2453 members.

<https://youtu.be/DwXAKYX8b6Y>



when the schools reopened after covid-19 lockdown, children prepared a video to encourage children to go to school.



The adolescents took video and pictures of the different events of 20 years celebration of Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam. The celebrations were marked by tree planting, cycle rally, collage rangoli, essay, speech, drawing competitions, video documentary on journey of children sangam, book release, souvenir and final event on 19th December 2021. Video and photo documentation of these programme were done by adolescents those who were part of advance video documentary training



## Children's engagement in UNICEF social media

Selvan. Althap and SelviHemamalini were selected to do video documentation for UNICEF to create awareness among children on ways of coping with COVID. They prepared videos on the way they are coping with the second wave, online classes, education status, family situation, their living community and vaccine. These videos were uploaded on UNICEF social media.

*Althap (Male) 18 years old,  
Ennore*



COVID-19 has impacted my studies as I am studying in 12<sup>th</sup> standard. I would have clarified my doubts in regular classes. I am from a poor background and I cannot afford online tuitions or online classes. My aim is to become a film director and I desire to study Visual communication in a good college. I am worried whether I will be able to get admission in a good college because of the ALL PASS SYSTEM. I am not able to clarify my doubts properly. We are finding it difficult to run the family because of lockdown. There is no awareness about vaccination in our community. Our community is densely populated and if not vaccinated we will be severely affected by the third wave.



Sangamitra was nominated for featuring in the coping with Covid international films by children. In the second phase, she was asked to explain in detail how the second wave of pandemic has affected them and interview with Executive Director of Arunodhaya. She completed the videos in July 2021. In the video she mentioned about children sangam, how the children sangam members stopped child marriages and the way her family supported her.

UNICEF wanted to capture the activities of children sangam, the way of conducting meetings, interview with mother of girl (child marriage stopped by children sangam) and her family member's opinion. The shooting was held at 16<sup>th</sup> August and 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021. They captured the way of conducting children sangam meeting,

interview with the mother of child, whose marriage was stopped by children sangam, her family members support and traditional dress and food of Tamilnadu



*Sangamithra (Female),  
16 yrs old, Korukkupet.*

When I was born there were child labourers and child marriages. Our generation had the opportunity to attend schools regularly. I was hopeful that when there are educated people in our community it would improve in terms of outlook and facilities but this pandemic has reversed the gains achieved in 20 years. Parents are afraid to leave young girls at home alone due to safety issues, so they take the girls with them to work or marry them off.



*Hemamalini (Female), 14 years old,  
Tiruvottriyur*



Studies of children have been affected. We are witnessing a lot of child labour and child marriage during the pandemic. This pandemic has reversed the gains achieved in the past 10 years in terms of child labour and child marriages

## Cultural Training

Children cultural teams were formed at zonal level and trained in cultural activities like Parai, Bharathnatyam, Street play and Puppetry. The cultural team conducted awareness programmes on child rights and child protection and created awareness in the community



## CREATING SPACE FOR PARTICIPATION

Opportunities and spaces were created for children to express their opinion on issues concerning them to the adults. Children participated at the level of the organization (Arunodhaya), community, state and national level.

**Arunodhaya Strategic Planning Committee** Children representation was ensured at the five-year strategic planning meetings at zonal level and central level. Children were involved in evaluating the programmes of Arunodhaya in the past five years and in identifying the priority areas and action plan for the next five years.

**Community Child Rights Monitoring Committee (CCRMC)** is the monitoring mechanism initiated by Arunodhaya to protect and promote child rights at community level. Children have representation in the committee and they participate in the meetings and activities. Children voice out their concerns and put in their recommendations.

**Federation of Children Movement for Right to Participation (FCMRP)** This is a state level network of children organisations. Four children (2 boys and 2 girls) were elected by the members to represent CACS on FCMRP. The representatives participated in the virtual trainings conducted by Forum for Promotion of Child Participation (FPCP) on Orientation on FCMRP and the training on Universal Periodic Review (UPR). After the training on UPR the representatives shared the information at the zonal level and they were involved in preparing the children's report on status of children for UPR. The report was presented by the representatives at the virtual meeting organised by FPCP.

**All Indian Working Group on Child Rights (AIWGCR)** Representatives from CACS participated in the online meetings conducted by AIWGCR. Through these meetings the children learnt from the experience of other children organisations such as Children's community radio initiative -New Delhi, Hasiru Sangha- Karnataka, Azad Jugnu club-, Madhyapradesh and Bhima Sanga- Karnataka.

Children had a discussion on the proposal by the Govt. of India to shift Childline service (1098) to the administrative control of Ministry of Home Affairs from Ministry of Women and Child Development. Children's recommendations were sent to All India Working Group for Rights of children (AIWGRC) to be included in the nationwide petition to be sent to the Ministry.

**National Action and Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children (NACG-EVAC).** Representatives from CACS participated in the National Level Children's Consultation held on 8th and 9th January 2022 via virtual platform Google Meet) organized by NACG-EVAC. Over all 9 states and 200 children participated. From CACS 12 children represented in the consultation and gave recommendations for ending sexual abuse and exploitation against children. Earlier to this children had zonal level consultation on this theme and collated the response from the children in their zone.

## Engaging with Adults

During the Assembly elections held in March 2021, children had presented their demands to the contesting candidates. After the election, children met with the candidates and reminded them about their demands. They met with Mr. Ebenezer MLA, R.K.nagar constituency, Mr. Murthy, MLA, Royapuram constituency, Mr. Shankar MLA, Tiruvottiyur constituency.







Ten to Fifteen years ago we also had small children working in our workshop. I did not have the awareness that children should not work and they should go to school. Arunodhaya visited our workshops and raised awareness on child labour and importance of sending children to school. Now all the steel companies in our area have stopped employing children. We also monitor that all children go to school. We are very proud to say that there are no child laborers in our area. We are very happy to see these children participating and I wish them to live happily ever after. – Voice of an employer during the Collage programme

E.Jagan, Employee



Parents meetings were held in February and March in all the areas. The children shared with the parents about their activities in CACS and on the impact of child participation. This made the parents realise the importance of child rights and child participation.

## VOICING THEIR OPINION AND PROMOTING CHILD RIGHTS

CACS organised rally, awareness programme and public events to voice their opinion on issues concerning children and initiated action in realising their rights.

### CACS Convention

20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of CACS ended with the Convention organized on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021 on the theme '20 years of Journey in Child participation'. Former children sangam members and former staff also joined in the celebration depicting the success of CACS in realizing child rights and the gap to be filled was put up by the children. A compilation of twenty inspirational stories of former children sangam members titled 'Child participation – An Empowering process' was released. Their stories are an inspiration and shows how the chance or opportunity to participate has moulded their lives and made them to move towards their goal in life.

A Souvenir with articles, drawings and poems by children, former CACS members and staff along with greetings from collaborators and stakeholders was released. MLAs of the constituencies – Royapuram, R.K .nagar, North Chennai M.P. Hon. Minister Mr Sekar Babu, Mr. R. Sudhan I.A.S. R. State Project Director, Samagraha Siksha Abhiyan, were the guests on the occasion. They interacted with children in an effective way.

## Zonal Events

**Planting of 20 trees in each zone**

Sep 2021

**Cycle rally at zonal level**

Sep 2021

**College art showing the impact of child participation**

Oct 2021

**Elocution, singing and essay competition on Child protection**

Sep 2021



## Documentary film on 20years of journey of CACS

The children who were trained in Video documentary produced a documentary film tracing the 20 years journey of CACS. The children team developed the concept, story, screenplay and identified the location for shooting. Mr. Arul, film producer accompanied them in the process. Through the documentary children shared on how their participation in children sangam has developed their personality and enabled them to realise their rights and the rights of other children.



## World Children's Day

World Children's Day on the theme “Celebrating the Resilience of children in the face of Covid-19 and Reimagining education and child protection” with the focus of how child participation process has enabled children and adolescents to use their inner strength to be resilient in this adverse time and present their situation. The chief guests were Mr.Lakshinarasimha Rao Kudligi, Chief Social policy, UNICEF, Mr. Mohandoss, Chairperson, CWC-North. The book titled 'Valarilam Paruvathinarin Padippinaiyum, Padaippum' (Cartoon stories on physical and psychological changes during adolescent stage) prepared with the participation of children and documentary film on 20 years of Children sangam were released on that day.



## International day against child trafficking – 30th July

CACS organised zonal level awareness programme against child trafficking.

## International Day Against Child Labour- 12th June

CACS organised rally, street play, signature campaign and oath taking by adults to mark the International day against child labour. The children also produced videos with message against child labour and posted on You- tube.

Children visited factories and work spots and spoke with the employers persuading them not to employ children.

## Campaign Against Child Sexual Abuse

The news about the suicide of a school girl in Coimbatore due to sexual abuse triggered the E.C. members of CACS to initiate action. Discussion was held at zonal level and the children decided to conduct awareness programmes in schools on sexual abuse, actions to be taken if they face any such situation and to be confident and strong. Children also produced a video on the issue which was posted on you tube.





## Ensuring Right to Education

During Covid-19 school closure, CACS members volunteered to take classes for younger children through micro learning centres. They also organised enrolment campaign at area level and motivated children to attend school once the schools reopened. Children produced an awareness video on importance of education which was posted on the Youtube

## Engagement with the Government of Tamilnadu

CACS sent a letter to the Chief Minister in the month of May 2021 on Covid-19 and status of children and their demands.

They also sent a thank you letter to CM for releasing the State child policy in the month of November 2021.

## Safe Environment at Schools

Awareness programme on safe environment at school was organised on 16th July 2021 ( the day of Kumbakonam school fire accident). The awareness conducted through on line and offline reached to around 500 people. Children placed the demand to announce this day as Child protection day.

## Reaching Out To Others

During the week of Joy of giving in October 2021, children identified adults who do not know to write and helped them in learning to write their names.



# COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the child while recognizing the rights of the child placing them as 'rights holders', puts the responsibility of realizing the rights of children on the adults making them as 'burden bearers'. Arunodhaya invests in creating awareness, developing the capacity of the stakeholders in the community to protect and promote the rights of children.



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Renuka, 33 yrs. is a single mother with two children. Her husband deserted her a year back and now she is staying in her mother's house. She was earning her livelihood by selling bajjis. Hearing about the training centre, she joined the course and was happy to learn. Now, she has started stitching dresses for her neighbours and is able to make an earning. She feels happy that she is now recognised as a tailor in her area. She feels more confident of herself.

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**Figure 12 : Stakeholders**

**Figure 13 : Strategy**


## WOMEN

Investing in building the capacity of women making them confident and independent coupled with economic development and awareness on child rights enables them to protect and promote the rights of children in their neighbourhood.

### Economic Development

Self help groups were strengthened and formed into federations. The federations have been linked to National Urban Literacy Mission (NULM) and guided to benefit from the schemes. Savings and credit linkages were carried out setting up individual and group business. This has helped in improving their economic condition.

- Two Federations Amudha Surabhi and Annai SHG are running the Amma canteen, a scheme of the government of Tamilnadu.
- Loan obtained for 14 Irula families in Athipet.
- Street vendors scheme loan obtained for 20 women in Model line,
- Royapuram. 48 youth were referred for volunteering work with Corporation for Rain water harvesting, Covid-19 vaccination
- 280 registered with welfare board.

## Champion of child rights

Trainings were organized for women on child protection, sex education, online abuse and how to help children, cost effective nutrition for adolescents. 1000 women were trained.

179 women have volunteered as adult peer educators. They have been trained on leadership skill, communication, handling alcoholic dependents in families, preventing suicides, online abuse and street play.

**179** Adult Peer Educators

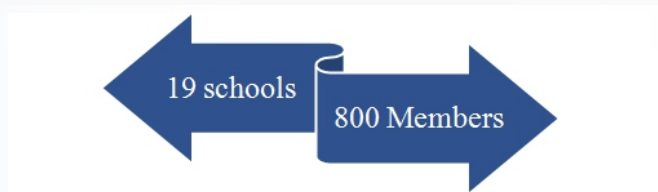
**1000** Women Trained





## PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Awareness programmes were conducted for PTA members.



### Discussion points

Awareness on handling children during pandemic
Childline
Prevention of child sexual abuse
Child marriage
Child labour
Online class regulations,
Understanding adolescent and adolescent issues role of parents and teachers

## TEACHERS

### 120 teachers trained on

- Overcoming stress
- Handling children
- Sexual abuse
- Menstrual hygiene

## Community Child Rights Monitoring Committee (CCRMC)

Community Child Rights Monitoring Committee has representation from women group, youth forum, children sangam. Representative from Police station, school, ICDS centre, Municipal Councillor, MLA are invited to be part of the CCRMC. The objective of CCRMC is to monitor the status of child rights in the community.

A special CCRMC meeting was held in Korukkupet in July 2021 with the participation of MLA Mr. John Ebenezer. Mr. Ramesh Karthick, DCPO, Ms. Sridevi, Inspector (JAPU) were also present on the occasion.

There are 11 CCRMCs actively functioning.



Nehru nagar  
Anna nagar  
Minambal nagar  
Ambedkar nagar  
Bharathi nagar  
M.G.R.nagar  
Ezhil nagar  
Annamalai nagar  
Kargil nagar  
Rajaji nagar  
AIR site



## Interaction with Stakeholders

On 28th March 2022, an interactive meeting was organised with psychiatrist, Police official, Lawyer, School HM, Municipal Councillor. Adolescents discussed with them about usage of drugs increased among the adolescent, online addiction and abuses. Psychiatrist gave clear explanation about the way to handle the adolescents to overcome these problems. Police officials, School HM and Elected representative had a discussion and decided to take collective action to help the adolescents to become responsible citizens.



## AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Awareness programmes were organized in the communities to sensitize the public on issues concerning children and enlist their participation in protecting children. All the programmes were organized with the initiative and support of CACS, women group, youth forum and CCRMC.

**Table 4 : Awareness programmes**

Date/Month	Theme	Details	Venue
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Safety in school	Commemorating the Kumbakonam school fire accident in which nearly 91 children were burnt. Awareness was conducted through on line and offline children placed the demand to announce this day as Child protection day.	In all the zones
26th July 2021	Child marriage	Create awareness against child marriage. One child marriage was stopped	Chinnkuppam, Ennore
30 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Child trafficking	Commemorating World day against human trafficking	In all zones
14 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Awareness on education and reading skill	Inauguration of library	Ennore
14 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Safe and unsafe touch and use of SOP app	District Child Protection officer and Inspector, Crime against women addressed the community to create awareness on safe and unsafe touch and about the use of SOP app	AIR site, Ennore
30 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	School enrolment campaign	When the government announced the reopening of schools in September, a Mobile van campaign was organized to motivate parents and children to attend school	All zones
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Girl child	Celebrated International girl child. Created awareness on importance of educating girl child and gender equity	All zones

September, October and November 2021	Child protection and child participation	A series of programmes were organized to mark 20 years of CACS. Tree planting, cycle rally, Collage and competitions.	Arunodhaya and CACS	All zones
27 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Awareness on ill effect of substance abuse and importance of education	Street play was organized on ill effect of substance abuse and importance of education	Stella Maris College students	Chinnakuppam, Ennore
March 2022	International Women's day	Public events organized on the theme "safe space for adolescent girls and women"	Women groups	All zones
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Awareness on child sexual abuse and child protection mechanism	Street play on child sexual abuse and child protection mechanism	College students from MSSW, Anna Adharsh College, Loyola College	NadarajarThottom, Thiruvottiyur
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Suicidal thoughts	Awareness talks on Suicidal thoughts	DG Vaishnava College BSW students	AIR site, Ernavur, Ennore

## Relief Work

The life and livelihood of the marginalized and the vulnerable communities had a severe setback due to the heavy rain in the month of November and December 2021 and the second phase of Covid-19. Arunodhaya intervened and provided relief and rehabilitative measures to support the affected population.

## Flood Relief

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of November 2021, Heavy rains pounded in several regions of Tamil Nadu State. Chennai received very heavy rains and the city was flooded.

The houses of people living in low lying areas got submerged in water and people were shifted to government shelters. Arunodhaya intervened in its intervention areas and in collaboration with the zonal offices arranged for shifting of people to safer places and provision of food.



Arunodhaya with the support of volunteers in the communities identified families who were severely affected by the rain and flood. These families were identified by direct house visits by the volunteers and staff. Single women headed families; aged people were given the priority. The families comprised of fishing community, Irular tribe, migrants, domestic workers, transgender, physically challenged and urban poor. Chennai Volunteers, Wipro cares came forward to provide relief kit to the families.

COLLABORATOR	RELIEF KIT	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS
Chennai Volunteer	Bread 1 loaf Biscuits-2 packets Mats-2, Bed sheets-2, Torch light -1, Sanitary Napkins- packets Bath soaps-2 Towel-2, Tooth Brush-5, Tooth Paste-2.	100
Wipro cares	Mat, bedsheets, mosquito coil, biscuits	2593
Wipro cares	Dry ration kits	1013
Wipro cares	Mosquito net	104
Wipro cares	Education kit	531
Wipro cares	Health Camp	693
Microsoft Corporation India	Dry ration kit and education materials. (through Praise foundation)	45
Anbalaya Tust	Dry ration kit	48







**Ms. Padma, Thulukathamankoil**, she thanked the team for immediate help and due to rain her clothes got wet. She waited for bedsheets during this rain and was so happy that she got bedsheets immediately. She does not have mats to sleep everything got wet and this relief kit helped her sleep peacefully. Her family thanked for providing the kit.



**Ms. Sneha-Transgender, from RR Nagar, Kodungaiyur.**

Shared that she was so happy for providing relief kit at right time she also thanked for recognizing their needs. “We are stigmatized in the society; no one comes forward to support us but Arunodhaya and Wipro Cares given importance to people like us and finding our needs. I thank from our heart for helping us at the time of need”.



**Mr. Balraj (Visually Challenged), Karumariamman Nagar, Korukupet, Tondiarpet zone.**

Balraj lost his eyesight last year in an accident while working in the metal factory. After this his wife left him and never returned home. He has one girl 13 years old and one boy 12 years old. Both the children are part of the Ilanthir group (Adolescent group) of Arunodhaya. “I expect help from others for my needs and I was worrying how I will take care of my children during this time of flood and today I came with my son to collect the kit. I can assure my children will sleep peacefully in this season free from mosquitoes. I thank Arunodhaya team and Wipro Cares for helping out at right time.”



**Ms. Govinthammal (Female) a 36 years old woman from Rajaji Nagar** said that, she is a construction labourer, 5 years back her husband left her with three children, and all are studying. During flood all her belongings washed away, they stayed in a relative's house during that time. The provisions provided by Wipro and Arunodhaya were a timely help. It had all the necessary items required including grocery, sanitary napkins and biscuits. The timely help was helped her to provide three meal a day to the children.



**Selvan M. Jeeva (Boy) from NatarajarThottam, Thiruvotiur 17 years studying 11<sup>th</sup> standard.** His mother is the only breadwinner of the family. He lost his father few years back. His mother is a domestic worker. During the flood, the water came inside the house, his school bag and books got damaged due to continuous rain. He was thinking to buy a new school bag but he was hesitant to ask to his mother because his mother is already struggling lot to run a family. He told the miracle happened unexpectedly he got school bag, education kit, exam pad from Arunodhaya. He was so happy exams are near and was confused, worried about school bag but got new school bag and exam pad. He thanked Arunodhaya and wipro cares for providing the educational material.

**Sivakartheiyan (Boy) a 9-year-old boy from Model lane Royapuram** was infected with Athlete's foot infection due to the muddy water during floods. Long exposure to dirty water caused fungal infection in his foot. His parents are daily wage workers and lost their wages during flood. Now, they are going regularly to work, they unable to be available to take him to a private hospital, nor could they afford it. Government hospital is far from their house. This health camp was very helpful for the young boy who got ointment for the infection. The boy is hopeful that his wounds will go away, and he is very happy.



**Ms.Geetha (Female) 32 years old, Indhiragandhi Nagar.** 38 Migrants families are living here; we are living nearby drainage in Tarpaulin sheet houses. Our main occupation is doll making. During flood all our essential things and doll making equipments were washed away. Mosquito is very big problem here, after 6pm not able to sit even inside the house. Due to financial crisis, we are not able to buy a mosquito net. Now we are very happy, because all our families got mosquito net, this net not only protect us from mosquitoes and also from various diseases.



## COVID-19 RELIEF AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The second wave of Covid-19 has led to more cases of infection and death. This time children are also affected directly by the infection. Again lockdown has been announced which places the underprivileged in a very precarious situation affected health wise and economically. Being forcefully confined to their houses, the poor and the marginalized lost their source of livelihood and are further pushed below the poverty line.

### Interventions

Relief Package

Awareness generation on  
COVID-19 and vaccination

### Relief Package

SL.No.	Materials	Quantity
1	Atta	500g
2	Black Gram	500g
3	Green Gram	500g
4	Bengal Gram	500g
4	Nutrition Powder	1 kg
5	Dry Chilli	100g
6	Sambar Powder	100g
7	Coconut Oil	200g
8	Biscuit	4
9	Bathing Soap	4
10	Washing Soap	4
11	Sanitary napkin	4
12	Mask	4

559 Total Beneficiaries

355 Domestic Workers

204 Unorganised Workers

#### Ramya, Korukkupet

I am a Domestic worker and my husband is a coolie worker. Both of us, not going for job due to pandemic. My two children are suffering lot. Groceries kit helped us lot especially health drink and sanitary napkins.



#### Malathi,

I am an auto driver. This lockdown changed our life totally. Not able to give three meal a day for children. Today I will prepare healthy food for my children using these groceries. This provision kit contains very essential as well as needed things like mask, health drink and sanitary pads. I am happy and thanks to Arunodhaya and APPI



## AWARENESS GENERATION ON COVID-19 AND VACCINATION

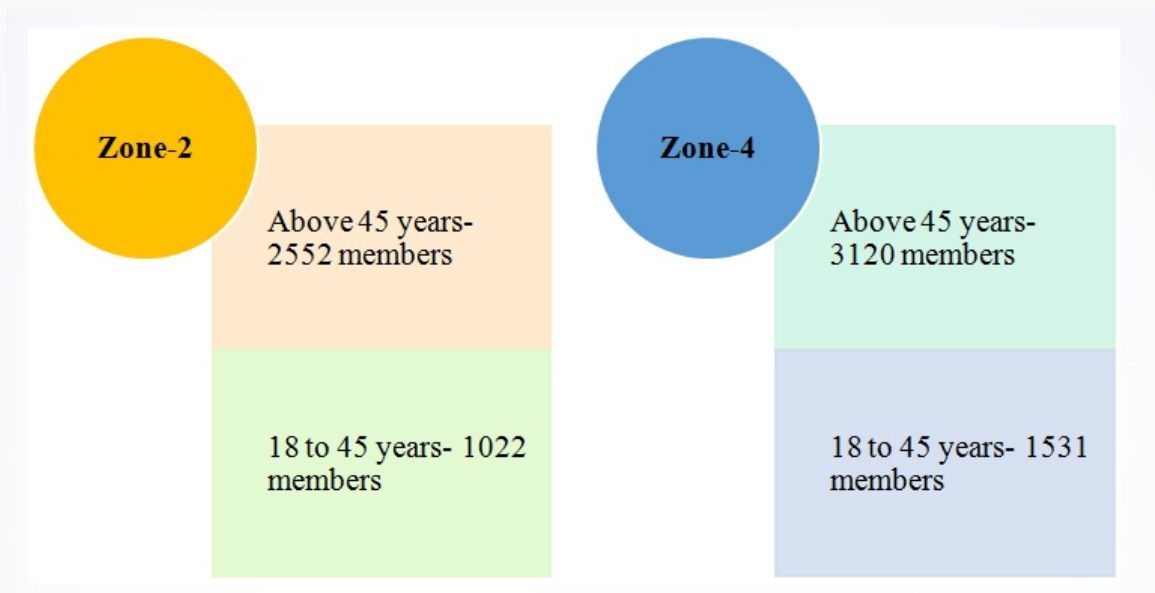
### IEC ACTIVITIES - TRADITIONAL ART EXPRESSIONS

Art of all forms has the power to move people and creative portrayals of concern problem, help to raise community awareness about causes and consequences of the problem and also think about solutions to the problem. Arunodhaya conducted various cultural programmes (Awareness songs, Auto Propoganta and Street play) to make the community to become aware precaution methods of COVID-19 and importance of vaccination.



### VACCINATION

Ten vaccination camps held at Zone-2 and Zone-4. Totally 1713 members were mobilized for vaccination. The details are



Promotion and protection of child rights calls for strengthening the economic status of the family and building sustainability to enable them to ensure the rights of children to education, health, development and protection.

Arunodhaya organised vocational training for the youth in the communities to enhance their skills and ensure a sustainable livelihood. The following courses were organised.

SDSL training was organised in two places, one in Chennai and the other in Kondakarai panchayat in Tiruvallur district. During the lock down period during Covid-19 classes were conducted online.

Figure 15 : Courses Offered

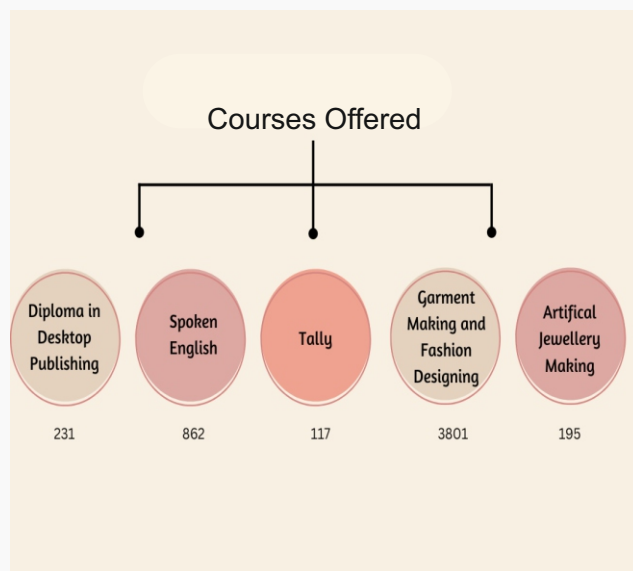
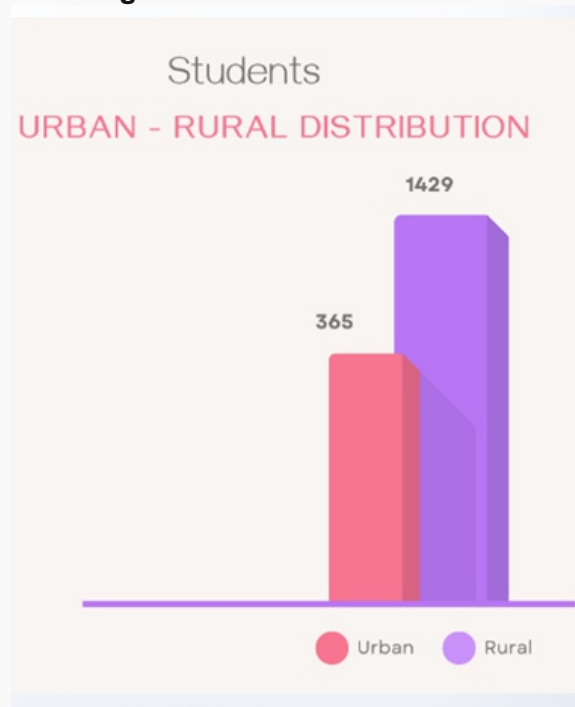


Figure 16 : Urban - Rural Distribution



## Virtual Classes

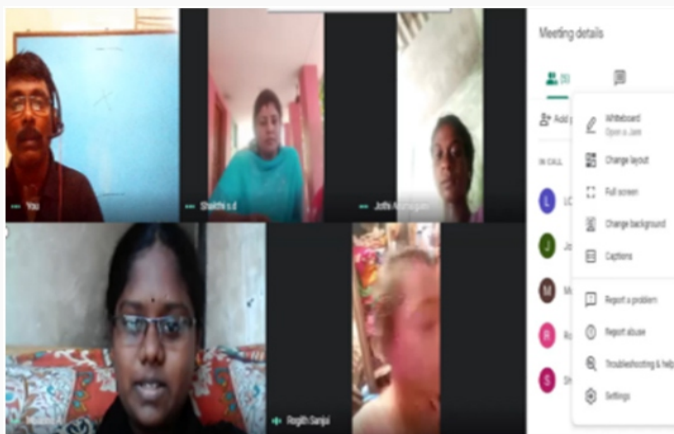
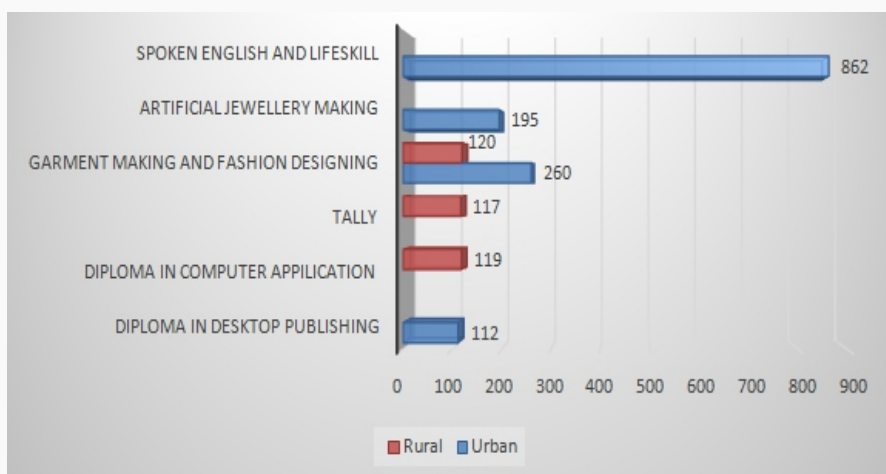


Figure 14 : Details of courses and trainees



## Industrial Visit

Industrial visits were conducted in and around Kondakarai Panchayat. Around 68 companies and factories were visited. Met the president of SIDCO industrial estate, Mr. Mohammed Rizwan, Vichoor panchayat, who promised to provide opportunities for students in his establishment. Regular revisits to these industries and factories had been done to vitalize the placement.



## Job placement

Through industrial visit and regular contact with employers, employment avenues were explored and the students were assisted to find employment. Through SDSL 591 candidates were placed with specialized training. Their monthly income starts from Rs.3000 to Rs. 15000 per month.



SECTOR	NO OF PLACEMENT
Software	28
Retail Outlets	23
Telesales	19
Billing executive	3
Garment Making and Fashion Designing	370
Artificial Jewelry Making	85
Officel Assistant	15
Hospitality	14
Accountant	10
BPO	3
Helper	9
House Keeping	5
Survey	1
Computer Operator	2
Admin	2
Sales	2
	591





**D. Sarathi, (19yrs)** ✓

lives in Vichoor village

D. Sarathi, (19yrs) lives in Vichoor village. He completed his Higher Secondary Schooling at Jaigopal Garodia Govt. Hr Sec. School, Manali New Town in the year 2021. He had to His father is an auto driver and mother works as helper in a painting and construction company. His sister is in school. Sarathi enrolled himself in DCA course at SDSL centre. He was regular to the classes and attended the classes with enthusiasm. He was also helpful to other students and took an active part in all the activities at SDSL.

After completion of the course he has been placed in Mirra and Mirra industries private limited, Vichoor Village. He joined as Data Entry Operator and designer, with a consolidated pay of Rs.14,000 per month.

“I feel happy to be get trained in SDSL Rural centre, which has helped me in finding a job. Now, I can support my family and I will also continue my studies. The course has given me a very good knowledge of computer which is helping me in the present job. I am thankful to DP World and Arunodhaya for the opportunity given.”



**B. Santhosh (21 yrs)** was introduced to SDSL centre through his friend. He had completed B.Com and was looking for a job. But lack of computer skill and spoken English was a deterrent in finding a job. His family situation could not provide for education in a computer centre. After completing the course. He was selected in HGS Health care as Trainee process consultant at a salary of Rs.13,000/- per month. He felt elated on getting the appointment order. “I am afraid to speak in English but after completing Spoken English and DTP, my self-esteem increased and I plan to pursue MBA course through correspondence. SDSL course has injected new energy and boosted my morale”.



**Proud to be called a Tailor Renuka**

Renuka, 33 yrs. is a single mother with two children. Her husband deserted her a year back and now she is staying in her mother's house. She was earning her livelihood by selling bajjis. Hearing about the training centre, she joined the course and was happy to learn. Now, she has started stitching dresses for her neighbours and is able to make an earning. She feels happy that she is now recognised as a tailor in her area. She feels more confident of herself.

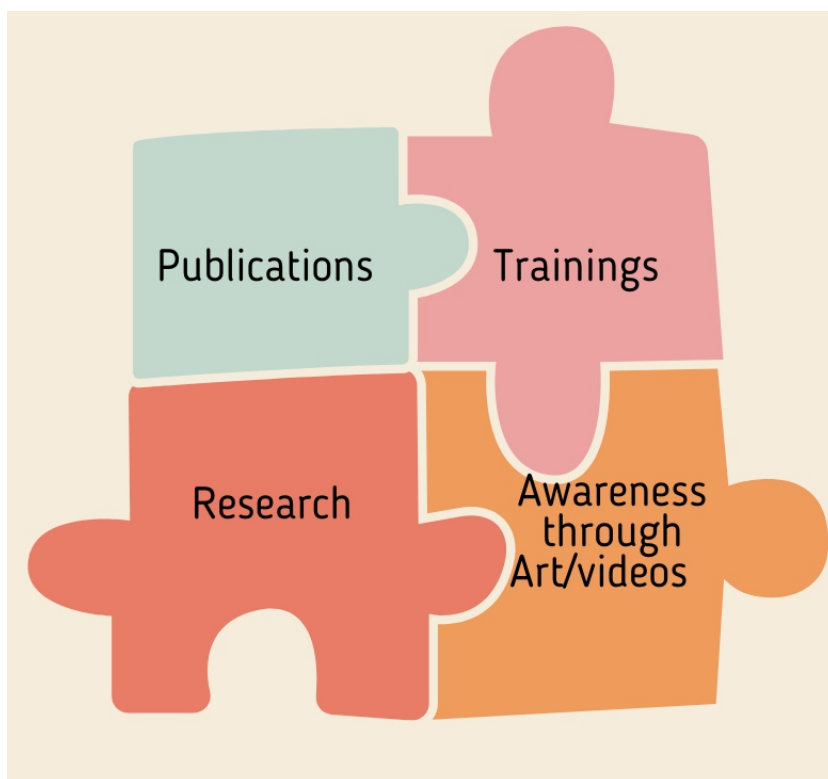
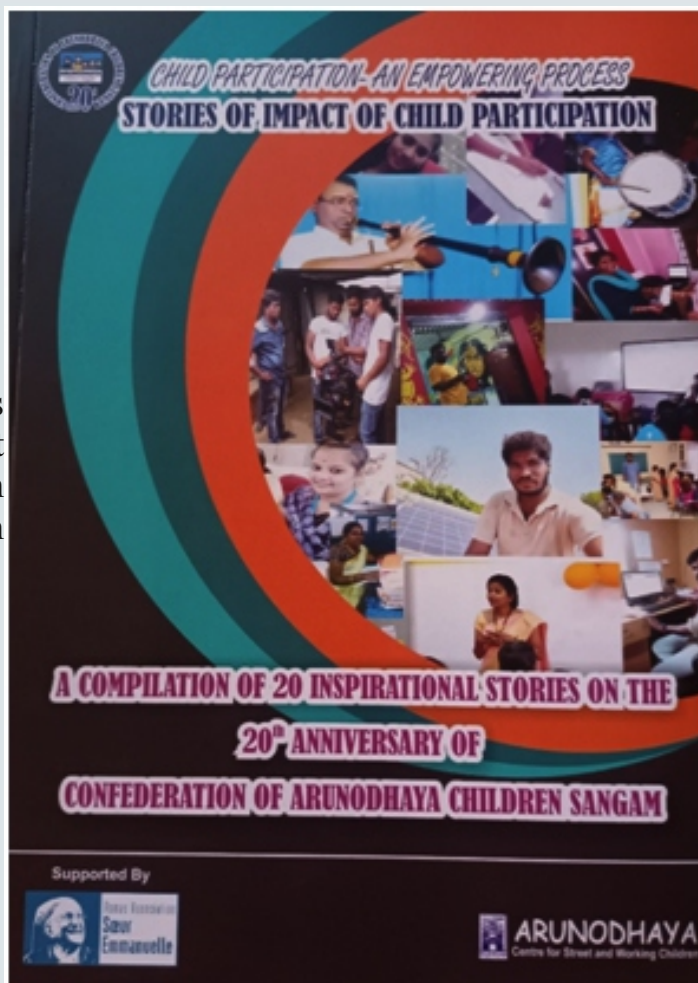


Kasturi (26 years) attended the Artificial Jewellery course. She was happy to learn to make fashion jewellery. After the course, she started selling her products. Many of her neighbours liked her products and bought it from her. She spoke to the nearby shop and is supplying her products to the shop.



# ARUNODHAYA RESOURCE CENTRE

Arunodhaya Resource Centre conducts action oriented research, brings out publications and has a training team specialised in conducting training on child rights and women issues



## PUBLICATIONS

Publications both print and electronic/digital were brought out to create awareness on child rights and child protection. All the publications were produced with the active participation and involvement of children / adolescents / women.

### Ilanthalir Booklet

A booklet with the twelve Ilanthalir (adolescent) sessions was prepared with the involvement of adolescents. The booklet is titled 'Valarilam paruvathiranrin padippinaiyum padaippugalum' ( the learnings and creativity of adolescents). Handbills, and book marks with messages on life skills were prepared and distributed among adolescents.



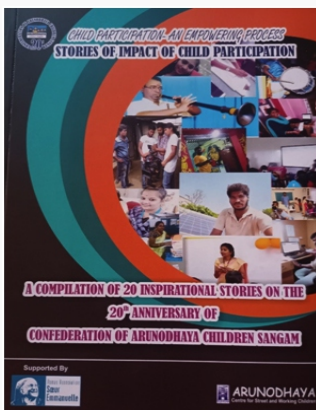
### Nutritious food for adolescents



A book titled “Valarilam paruvathinarukkana Satthana Unavu Vagaigal” (Nutritious food for adolescents) was prepared with the recipes of food items prepared by women who participated in the nutritious food competition.

### A souvenir to mark the 20 years of CACS

A souvenir to mark the 20 years of CACS was released at the 20 years celebration. The souvenir had wishes from well wishers and collaborators of Arunodhaya, message from the stakeholders, sharing of memories by former CACS members and Arunodhaya team members and poems and drawings by children



### Stories of IMPACT

Inspirational stories of CACS former members was documented as 'Child participation-An empowering process-Stories of impact of child participation'. This document had Stories of Twenty former members of CACS who recalled their experience in CACS and how it enabled them to mould their lives in an effective way.



## Video Documentary

The Video documentary team of CACS produced the following videos, short films and documentary

**57 One minute videos** were prepared on the following themes.



## SHORT FILMS

Five short films on the following themes were produced.



## Video Documentary

A Video documentary on twenty years journey of children sangam was produced by the children sangam representatives who were trained in Video production.

## TRAININGS

Training modules were developed for Ilanthalur (Adolescent) sessions and the staff members were trained on using the module.

Training on child rights, child participation, legislations and protection mechanisms for child protection, women's rights, self-development, communication skills, team building, leadership, programme planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting skills, computer skills and digital media, street play and puppetry were organised for the staff.

Arunodhaya developed Protection from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (PSEA) policy to be adopted at the organisation and community level. Training was organised for staff and community members on PSEA.

Arunodhaya's experience in child participation was shared with the participants at the Inter country working group meeting organised by Asmae in July 2021.

Strategic planning for the next five years 22-27 was developed with the participation of the staff and community members.

## RESEARCH

Along with SDG watch-TN conducted a study on the Impact of Covid-19 on learning of migrant children in Tamilnadu 2021. Arunodhaya highlighted children of migrant workers in North Chennai who are involved in doll making, horoscope, vendors, working in companies and construction workers.

Dr. Virgil D Sami, Executive Director of Arunodhaya contributed article in journals and books.

- 'Unfolding children's agency in ensuring child protection' in the book titled Child safety, welfare and well being – Issues and challenges second edition edited by Dr.Sibnath Deb and published by Springer publication.
- 'The status of child labour and child trafficking in the context of Covid-19 pandemic' in the January 2022 issue of the journal Jeevadhara.
- Presented a paper on 'Synod and child centric approach' at the National Conference Church in India on the path of synodality held in Bangalore on 21-23 March, 2022

# NETWORKING

Arunodhaya works in collaboration with other civil society organisations, academic institutions and government agencies for the cause of promotion of child rights.

Arunodhaya is working committee member of Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL) Tamilnadu and Puducherry, SDG watch- Tamilnadu, Forum for Promotion of Child Participation- (FPCP), Tamilnadu Child Rights Watch (TNCRW) and member of All India Working Group on Rights of children (AIWGRC), National Action and Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children- India (NACG-VAC).

As part of Forum for Promotion of Child Participation (FPCP), initiated and facilitated State Children's consultation on Universal Periodic Review Report IV (UPR IV) and prepared children's report which was uploaded on UPR portal. Orientation programme on child participation for the members of FPCP. Organised virtual orientation session for children from FPCP on NEP to prepare for participation in the state conference

KalviPathukappyKoottamaippuorganised virtual consultation on New Education Policy, children from Arunodhaya presented their opinion and view.

As part of TNCRW organised the State level consultation on Tamilnadu State policy for children 2021 – Policy to action.

# VOLUNTEERS

Covid-19 pandemic opened up space for online volunteering. Volunteers from Bhumi, Chennai volunteers, ivolunteer, Ladies circle conducted online sessions for children in spoken English, subjects such as mathematics and science, general knowledge, life skill and virtual tours were also organised. This enabled the children to enhance their knowledge.

Students from the following colleges volunteered their services through field placement and internship

- Anna Adarsh college for women
- Christ college
- Dwarka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav college
- Hindu college
- Loyola college
- Madras School of Social Work
- Patrician college of Arts and Science
- Stella Maris College

## Annexures

### COLLABORATORS

Asmae
Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative
Bhumi trust
Childline India Foundation
Chennai resilience centre
Chennai Volunteers
DP World- Chennai Container Terminal Private Ltd.
Ecofemme
Giving Matters Foundation
Greater Chennai Corporation
Ladies Circle
Mahadev social welfare trust
Mundra International Container Terminal Pvt. Limited
Nasscom foundation
Online giving foundation
Praise Foundation
Street vision social charitable trust.
UK online giving
UNICEF
Wind dancers
Wipro cares

### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

<b>AACEP</b>	Adolescent Awareness, Counseling and Empowerment project
<b>APPI</b>	Azim Premji Philanthropy Initiative
<b>CACL</b>	Campaign Against Child Labour
<b>CACS</b>	Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam
<b>CCRMC</b>	Community Child Rights Monitoring Committee
<b>ECC</b>	Early Childhood Care Centre
<b>CHDK</b>	Child Help Desk
<b>CHG</b>	Child Help Group
<b>CHU</b>	Counseling and Healing Unit
<b>CWO</b>	Child Welfare Officer
<b>FCMRP</b>	Federation of Children Movement for Right to Participation
<b>FPCP</b>	Forum for Promotion of Child Participation
<b>NEP</b>	New Education Policy
<b>RCL</b>	Railway Childline
<b>SDG</b>	Sustainable Development Goals
<b>TNCRW</b>	Tamilnadu Child Rights Watch
<b>UNCRC</b>	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
<b>UPR</b>	Universal Periodic Review



# Target Areas

## CHENNAI DISTRICT

### Kodungaiyur

1. MGR nagar
2. Ezhilnagar
3. Kanangi nagar
4. R.R Nagar
5. Annai Sathya Nagar

### Korukkupet

6. Dr..Ambedkar Nagar
7. Bharathi Nagar
8. Jeeva nagar
9. Kamaraj Nagar
10. Meenammal Nagar
11. Sikkirindapalayam
12. Karumariamman Nagar
13. Moopanar Nagar
14. Rajiv Gandhi Nagar
15. JJ Nagar
16. Anna Nagar
17. Stanley Nagar
18. Canal Street
19. Nehru Nagar
20. Chandrasekar Nagar
21. Govindasami Nagar
22. Railway Nagar
23. Thiruvallur Nagar
24. Periyar Nagar
25. Gopal Nagar
26. Coronation Nagar
27. Muthumariamman koil street

### Royapuram

28. Model line
29. Chetty thottam

### Tondiarpet

30. Tamilan Nagar
31. Rajasekar Nagar
32. Patel Nagar
33. Navalur Nagar
34. Kumaran Nagar
35. Indhiragandhi Nagar
36. Vinoba Nagar
37. Nethaji Nagar
38. Parameswaran Nagar
39. Sasthri Nagar

## THIRUVALLUR DISTRICT

### Thiruvotriyur

40. Rajaji Nagar
41. Balakrishna Nagar
42. Kargilnagar
43. Annamalai Nagar
44. Kamarajar Nagar
45. Natarajar Thottam
46. Vetri vinayagar Nagar
47. Raja Shanmuganagar
48. Ambedkar Nagar
49. Poonga Nagar
52. Gomatha Nagar
53. K.R Ramaswamy Nagar

### Ennore:

54. Mastan koil
55. Ondikuppam
56. Kannikovil
57. AIR site
58. Kasikoilkuppam
59. Sivanpadaiveedhi
60. Kattukuppam
61. NTO Kuppam.
62. Thiruchinnakuppam
63. Valluvar Nagar
64. RS Road
65. Indhira Gandhi kuppam
66. Pattinathar Kovil
67. JJ Nagar- Near Kasikoilkuppam
68. JJ Nagar – Near Kattukuppam
69. Appar Nagar
70. Thulukathamankoil
71. Chinnakuppam
72. Periyakuppam
73. Annaisivagami Nagar
74. T K P Nagar
75. Ellaiammankoil- Kattukuppam
76. Vadaku Bharathi Nagar
77. Sathyavani Muthu Nagar
78. Sadayankuppam
79. Athipet



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