

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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Annual Report for the Year 2020-2021

Introduction:

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

Legal Entity:

- VDC is registered as a Society under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act 1975 vide registration number 94/1984 dated 29th December 1984.
- VDC is registered with Income Tax Department under Section 12A No: C. No. 2039 (167) TNV / 94-95 dated 30.11.95,
- All contributions to VDC are exempt Tax under Section 80(G) of Income Tax Act 1961. No: C. No. 6162E (107)/2007-08/CIT –I / TRY dated 19.08.2008
- VDC’s Income Tax Permanent Account AAATV0152C
- VDC Registered with Home Ministry, GoI, with No: 076040142 dated 14th October 1992.
- VDC Darpan Number: TN/2017/0164668

Vision:

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

Project Area:

Country : India
State : Tamilnadu,
District : Tiruchirappalli and Pudukkottai,
Blocks : Mannachanallur, Musiri, Turaiyur & Lalgudi, blocks in Tiruchirappalli
Population : 10,000 families

Activities and achievements for the year 2020-2021:

1. Project of Muringa Plantation:

OTF International Assistance Committee, Canada has kindly sanctioned INR 21,580 through Deva Kirubai Social Development Trust (DKSHA), Tiruchirappalli District to plant 500 Muringa (Drum stick) in the kitchen backyard at 500 students home. According to the project, we have undertaken the following activities;

1.1. Planning meeting with the stakeholders & orientation training for children:

We have conducted a planning meeting with a small team to implement the project in a better manner. 11 women from different women groups from 6 villages were participated. According to the decision, we have organized meetings for students and involve students in muringa plantation. We select 1. Melasedevimangalam, 2. Keelapatty, 3. Konalai, 4. Thillampatty 5. Valmalpalayam Keelur and 6. Salapatti villages from Manachanallur block, Tiruchirappalli district, Tamilnadu for plantation activities.



We have conducted orientation training for small groups (15 to 20) at the village level and gave lecture on the importance of Muringa plant and its' important on health promotion. In the orientation program, we have oriented the children on availability of space on their kitchen backyard, waste water utilization methods, watering method, manure feeding and Muringa plantation. We shared that Moringa is nutrient dense food contains Vitamin C, Vitamin A, Calcium, Potassium, Protein and Iron.

1.2. Muringa Plantation and Food Demonstration:



The volunteers collected the Muringa saplings and distributed to the children at their villages. Children planted the Muringa in simple methods. Most of the families selected the waste place for the plantation. We have collected the cow dung and utilized as manure for the plants. The children planted 510 plants. We conducted Muringa cooked food demonstration where we demonstrated, drumstick vegetable sambar, Drumstick leaves, Drumstick soup and Drumstick curry.

1.3. The main outcome of the project:

- We have planted 510 Muringa plants in 380 families in 6 villages,
- 195 children participated in plantation activities,
- They are harvesting average $\frac{1}{2}$ kg of leaves or drum sticks once in a week,
- The anemic ratio of the children will considerably reduced in long run,

2. Skill training on Door Mat Weaving:

1% for Development Fund, Switzerland has kindly supported Rs. 3,51,000 to conduct skill training on door mat weaving for 20 women. We have conducted the orientation training program on the entrepreneurship training on 15th October 2020 at Community Centre, Konalai village. 20 Women from Konalai, Gandhigramam and Kalpalayam villages were participated. We conducted the door mat weaving training for 10 days from 15th October 2020 to 25th October 2020.

Mrs. K.Pameswari, Instructor trained the women on assembling and detaching the machine, waste cotton cutting, colour matching, different sizes of door mats, attending the minor repairs, assembling and re-fitting the door mat machine etc. Further she trained the group on purchase of raw materials, production, packing and marketing the products. Once the training was completed, we provided them a door mat weaving machine for the each trainee at free of cost from the project grant. During the orientation training we have formed a committee with 5 women to complete the training process. The major outcomes are;



- Out of 20 trained women 9 women are involving as full time and earning average Rs. 150 per day and rest are doing as part time along with their household work and earning average Rs. 75 per day.
- They are marketing their products at the weekly market nearby villages and nearby hospitals, schools etc.
- 20 women get regular employment and earn income and release from their debts and help their children for food, health and education,
- 20 women will involve in regular savings through their groups and avail internal loan whenever they need,

3. Direct Credit linkage to SHGs through NABFINS Ltd:

VDC is a Business Correspondent (BC) in NABFINS Ltd, Bangaluru a subsidy wing of NABARD, Government of India. NABFINS Ltd is providing micro credit directly to the



women self help groups and joint liability groups promoted by NGOs under its rating process. They are lending to the group members directly promoted by the NGOs under their terms and conditions. As a business correspondent, VDC linked its women self help groups to avail credit for the group members from NABFINS Ltd. We have credible and cordial partnership with

NABFINS Ltd. They released the loan amount to the member bank account directly and also insured for the loan amount. The group members are utilizing the loan amount for income

generation, asset creation like house construction, cattle purchase, and education of children and repaying the credit promptly.

We are frequently visiting the each member and group and monitoring their loan utilization and loan repayment and business developments. We have organized village level meetings, Panchayat level trainings and cluster level training for the women self help groups. Before lending we will grade the group for the eligibility. The group should maintain the group records up to date to avail credit from the NABFINS Ltd.

Covid 19 has created a critical situation in the lending and repayment. But few groups are not interested to accumulate the loan amount. Hence they repaid the loan promptly. Many groups paid two months later.

4. Micro Credit for Income Generation Activities (IGP):

Rastriya Mahila Kosh –RMK a wing of Women and Child Department, Government of India undertaking extended credit support to VDC. We supported micro credit to women SHG to establish their micro enterprises for self-employment and income generation. Through the RMK revolving loan scheme, we have supported 2 women self help groups for their IGP activities. The supported women established their own trades like petty shop, house hold utensils renting for functions, mini hotels, cattle farm, milk vending, readymade garments, tailoring, hollow block production, vegetable vending, education and agricultural development activities. We are conducting regular training for the women self help groups.

5. SHG Members / Animators Training:

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

6. Tribal Development Program:

VDC has been working with *Irula* tribal community at Mahilambadi and nearby villages, Lalgudi Taluk and work with 90 tribal families. They are landless, no external job skills, working in peripheral sector for their livelihood. The State Government provided homes three decades back and now the houses are damaged. Due to increase the members and new couples in the family there is no privacy and they are forced to live in the same home. Two, three families are living in the same home with lot of privacy problems. We are trying to reconstruct the damaged homes with additional facilities for the family members. VDC organized two village level meeting at Mahilambadi village in which 24 families were

participated. Their main grievances are home and employment opportunity skills. We are trying donation for their requirements.

7. Special School for Child Labourers:

VDC is involving in child labour elimination program since 1996 with support of CHEERS, Tiruchirappalli Collectorate, and the District Collector is the Chair person for the program.

Now it is conducting one special school for the dropouts at Manachanallur in which 25 students are studying at the centre. Through the project support, the children got mid-day meals, school books, uniforms and monthly stipend Rs. 150/- per student through their bank accounts. Along with school education we have organized health screening camps for the students with support of the Primary



Health Centre, Manachanallur. Children, those needs further medical support are referred to the Government Hospital, Trichy.

Due to Covid 19 the most of the days the school was closed. One teacher, one cook and one part time accountant are working in the school and they are paid by the CHEERS directly.

8. Children Clubs:

VDC promoted 30 Children Clubs in the project area and equipped the children in education, health, sports and games, leadership and cultural aspects. The club meets once in three months and discussed their overall activities and developments. We need to continue this activity and hence we are in the process of finding a suitable donor for the children overall developments.

9. Covid 19 relief activities:

The pandemic situation creates unemployment and unexpected hunger among the many families in the rural areas. The livelihoods have been adversely affected due to the pandemic



and lockdowns. The ways for money has been closed. Most of the families sell their small ornaments and managed their life. In this critical situation some of our women groups forward to provide food donation to the needy families. They donated some money to us and involved in cooking and distributed to the needy people. They have supplied for 19 days average 100 food pockets per day.

Moreover, I PAC an IT company supplied 18,000 food pockets average 500 food pockets per day and we distributed in our working area. We involved our volunteers for transportation and distribution of the food pockets. The Panchayat Presidents helped us in distribution.

10. Networking Activities:

VDC have membership with the following credible networks.

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

11. National and International Travel:

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

12. VDC Board Meetings:

- The minutes of the meetings are recorded, read, approved and circulated to all the board members.
- The board approved the programs, budget, annual activity report and audited financial statements of accounts.
- No remuneration or salary is paid to the board members. Only TA and DA paid for their participation in the board meetings,

13. Honorarium & benefits to staff

	Rs. Per month	Male	Female	Total
Less than Rs. 3,000		0	3	3
Rs. 3,000 – Rs 5,000		0	0	0
Rs. 5,000 – Rs 10,000		0	3	3
Total		0	6	6

Highest Honorarium Paid Rs. 10,000. Lowest Honorarium paid Rs. 2,000.

14. Auditor:

Mr. S. Kalaimani, Chartered Accountant (M. N. 019199), Tiruchirappalli has been appointed as Auditor of the Society. The accounts are constructed on “Cash Basis”.

15. Our Bankers:

We sincerely express our gratitude to our bankers Bank of Baroda, State Bank of India, Mannachanallur, Canara Bank, Thirupanjeeli and ICICI Bank, Trichy for their kind cooperation in our developmental activities.

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Signature



K. R. Raju, Secretary, VDC

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