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RURAL WOMEN DEVELOPMENT TRUST

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Children Tuition centers

RWDT conduct special coaching classes for the children of rescued women families in the 10 villages of Tharamangalam block. In the We believe the education is important for the bonded laborer children to prevent them from fall again in the hands of slavery in 10 centers about 420 children benefit through quality education. Children are taught using special education materials. The villages educated youths are taking classes voluntarily. The play way method is used to teach english subject. Also we weekly once support nutrition food such as fruits, milk, and nuts for our children.



Outputs:

- Awareness has been created among the children
- All children are attending regularly in the special coaching centers.
- Dropped out children and Missing children are easily identified.
- Children writing and learning capacity improved.
- Dropouts were reduced through continuous motivations and counseling.
- Children are prevented from the disease of malnutrition.
- Clean and sanitation habits are taught.

Number of villages covered:10

Number of children benefit: 420

Training program for the motivators:

Following the coordinators training, the motivators in all villages were trained and learning materials were supplied. Content training for the respective skills for every month was conducted for all the motivators by RWDT Coordinators. Review meetings for the motivators and coordinators were held on a monthly basis by Ms. Alamelu, Director of RWDT. Subject areas have also been broken down into smaller units, making it easier for the teachers to understand the activities and materials associated with that.



Enrolment of children in the CKC centers:

Every year we conduct enrollment drive through various modes like door to door campaigns, talking with the neighborhood school teachers, village gatherings and events. Most of the centers are being conducted in the motivator's house and in Community buildings. The number of children enrolled per center has increased from 35 in the month of July'17 to 50 in Oct '17. All the village children were sent school.

Bonded laborer rescue

The bonded laborer system still widely exist in the target area. We recently rescued 3 families from bonded laborer system. We approached continuously and took necessary action to relieve the victims.

Total members 15 from three families.



Kalvi Thiruvizha 2017 in Salem District Level:

The Little Creators event was held in Tharamangalam Salem on 10th march '17. About 60 children shortlisted at the Village level competition from 10 Villages participated in the Block level event. , Harini, Santhiya and Rajesh won the first prize in the District level & participated in the state level competition.

Nutrition food supply:

Rural village children are mostly vulnerable for physical and mental related risks because of lack of nutrition. Most of the children are belongs to bonded laborer rescued families. Because of poverty they are not able to get nutritional foods. So we are providing nutritional food for them in the evening tuition centers. We provide milk, groundnuts, sundal and fruits to the children every week. So the children are feeling well in physical health as well as mental health. All are participated enthusiastically in the programs. Most of the children from our centers participated and won various competitions conducted in the schools.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME:

Self entrepreneurship support for rescued bonded laborer women

Lack of livelihood resources and unskills forced the women into bonded laborer system. The rescued bonded laborer women were organized into small groups for easy approach of financial resources and trained to work as collectively. In our work area for the economical improvements of rescued bonded laborers SHG were formed. The women were given skill training in coir rope making and developed as entrepreneurs. Micro credit for self employment was given to coir making. The women started self production and market activities in coir making.





Out Puts:

- ✓ 90 rescued bonded labourer women members benefited through this activity they stated own protection units.
- ✓ Income of the family is increased. The children dropouts were provided and going to school continuously.
- ✓ The bargaining capacity and power of decision making of women were improved. They become economically indifference and with suitable income.
- ✓ Domestic violence against women was reduced the men cooperated with women.

EMPOWER WOMEN AT WORK PLACE

General overview above project developments, success and failures during review period

In Salem District on behalf of Thozhi network Empower women at work place” project is going among the silver smith working women around Salem District.

In our previous survey and experience we have found many issues related to women rights, health, and wages. Also silver smith working women have no safe and secure work place. Many of women were given torture and sexual harassment at working places.

Impacts on silversmith workers

As on date 26 silver smith working women group meetings and 23 village campaigns were conducted¹. Village level rally was conducted in 4 villages. Regarding the workers' rights we met government officers, Labour officer and district collector with a memorundam. Also a petition was given to Tamilnadu chief secretary and Chief Minister special cell.



Interface meeting was conducted at Ganesh mahal, in that meeting Labourer officer, trade union leaders, Ngo leaders and silversmith women and owners participated. The issues and requirements were discussed in that meeting. Some victims shared their stories. A smooth relationship between owners and workers was developed. Chennai, Political person a district level federation was formed with 570 members. Through this federation we are going to address the issues and requirements of the workers.

Impacts

- Bonded labor awareness has been given among 1000 house holds, they prevented from human trafficking.
- Wages for silversmith worker has been increased as per minimum wages Act. Safety is ensured at work place.