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CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION



This year was a year of big challenges, of course the memory goes to the victims of Tsunami that have affected our community as well. Of course after 26 December 2004 we had to put lot efforts in emergency activities but we never forgot to implement our planned program towards the development of the rural poor women and the children. At the end of a stressful year that stretched our resources I believe that we can consider our self quite satisfied for the prompt and effective response we were able to deliver.

Again as I have done in many occasions, this year, I would like to thank you each of you who helped out in the field and those who supported our organization as donor.

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PROGRAMMES

The organisation was able to conduct the following programs and to deliver emergency help to fisherman families living in the Tsunami area:

- Study center for uneducated youth and children
- Computer training camp
- Vocational Training camp
- Tsunami camp
- AIDS awareness camp
- Women awareness programme
- Rain water harvesting camp
- Consumer awareness camp

STUDY CENTER FOR UNEDUCATED YOUTH AND CHILDREN

The study centre was run at Bommiarpalayam, Vanur Taluk, Villupuram District. The aim was to equip the candidates with all the necessary knowledge and skills to join a formal / informal education with a focus on joining the mainstream of education or condensed education that could help get better job opportunities. The centre is open to all who want to speak with us and especially the children who drop in on our centre are given special orientation and the overall development is being aimed at.

COMPUTER TRAINING CAMP

The Computer training is given at the Trust office and the main preferences are given to the children from very poor background and as many 45 children were given six months training and the students were able to improve their skills. The children are linked with placement opportunities and also linked with welfare programs.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

65 women had undergone the vocational training in Tailoring and Embroidery and it was a real opportunity for the women to learn the skill.

Some of them were able to get better job and better income and for the rest we had motivated them to start their own small business. For them we provided guidance, legal and financial advice persuading them that the best way to start is in a co-operative form.

TSUNAMI RELIEF CAMP

The tsunami relief camp, as an emergency program, was a new experience to the organisation and we acted promptly in order to provide with basic needs the sites where the tsunami affected person were more in number.



After the first period we tried to comfort the local community and few articles like cloth and utensils and net for the fishermen at Narambai villages were handed out. We advised them about the ways to get small financial help in order to rebuild their huts and repair the boats.

AIDS AWARENESS CAMP

The AIDS awareness camp was conducted at Tamilselvi Street, Kamaraj Nagar, and Pondicherry for the local women Self Help Group. The resource person was Mr. T.L. Raghuram and he had oriented the participants in the AIDS education. The participants were motivated to ask their partners to use condoms as a measure of prevention from the transmission of HIV infection. The training was learning for the women. Women who knew they were HIV positive motivated to get organised into SHG and given the basic explanation on how to deal with the disease.



WOMEN AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The women awareness program was conducted and the women were given special orientation in the possible measures they should take towards their social status and stability. The programs were instrumental in making the women to take up the local issues and the women have begun to be aware of their rights and privileges. The women are taking measures in approaching the Government officials and the awareness programs are building solidarity among the women.



RAIN WATER HARVESTING CAMP

The rainwater harvesting camp was organised at the trust office and the women group members were called for training and the need to harvest the rainwater was oriented to them. The need to conserve water and the methods of rain harvest was practically demonstrated to the participants.

CONSUMER AWARENESS CAMP

The consumer awareness camp was organised and as many as 234 women were oriented in the consumer literacy and the steps they should take when they find any discrepancies or malpractices. The women were oriented to file charges if they find any malpractices and to report to the consumer cell, which is set up by the Government in each of the district.

The programs were very meaningful and the staff of the organisation was able to involve in different programs especially in the emergency relief and rehabilitation programs during tsunami.

FORMATION OF SELF-HELP GROUPS:

New groups are formed in the villages of Narambai, Veerampattinam, Thengaithittu, Periakalapet, Pillaichavady, Chinnakalapet were organized and new accounts were opened with the Andhra Bank, Pondicherry.