

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE - VDC

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Annual Report - 2012-2013

Introduction:

Since its inception in 1984, VDC has been mobilising and involving thousands of poor and making them aware, bringing them together, motivating to get empowered. We have succeeded in our endeavours through our planned interventions. Indeed, VDC is a catchword for many households in the project area. VDC works with children, women, unorganised labourers, small and marginal farmers, landless agricultural labourers, persons with HIV/AIDS, people with different abilities, elders, tribal, widows and destitute women and greeting its partners whose cooperation is lot in its endeavour for the underprivileged and marginalised. We have long-standing association and constructive relationship with our partner communities.

Legal Entity:

- VDC is registered under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act 1975 (vide registration number 94 / 1984),
- VDC is registered with Home Ministry, GoI under FCRA
- VDC is registered with Income Tax Department under 12A, 80G and PAN number registration.

Vision:

“Establishment of sustainable social order with equality and justice by protecting basic human rights through lawful means and eco friendly people’s participation”

Project Area:

80 villages in *Mannachanallur, Musiri, Turaiyur, Lalgudi, Thottiam and T.Pet* blocks in *Tiruchirappalli* district, Parankipet block, Cudalore district, Tamilnadu, India.

Activities, Achievements and Impact:

1. Artificial Gem Workers & Rural Artisans Development Programme:

VDC implemented “Socio, Economic Empowerment of Artificial Gem Workers” project from 1995 to 2009 with partnership of *Trocaire, Ireland*. As continuation of the project, we have organised social security awareness and enrolment campaigns for the rural artisans. We have enrolled them in the “Tamilnadu Manual Workers Social Security Scheme”. We have helped 468 workers to enrol in the scheme and 180 members got benefits from the board.

2. Women Empowerment Programme:

2.1. Women Self Help Groups:

VDC has been promoted 350 women self help groups in Manachanallur, Musiri, Turaiyur, Lalgudi, Thottiam and T.Pet blocks of Tiruchirappalli district, Tamilnadu. The group members are conducting their bi-monthly/monthly meetings regularly and plan for their life. They are attending our training programmes in different topics. The groups accessed economic assistance from banks and VDC. The key persons of the groups are well trained and they are capable for running their groups. We have organised special trainings for the new group leaders. The group members are much supported for the various developmental activities of VDC. The groups are bifurcated into clusters according to their locations. At present we have 18 clusters. VDC organized leadership trainings, TOT training for management of SHGs, HIV/AIDS awareness camps, School enrollment campaigns, Micro enterprises trainings, Micro Insurance Scheme etc for the members of the SHGs. We are continuing the group promotion activities.

2.2. Mahalir Thittam:

VDC is part of “Mahalir Thittam” activities and is able to obtain various benefits for the SHGs. According to their guidance we have formed 2 Panchayat Level Federations (PLF). All the PLFs are legally registered under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act. Hope the PLFs will get economic benefits through banks.

2.3. Income Generation Programme:

With the support of *Rastriya Mahila Kosh - RMK*, a Government of India undertaking, VDC supported micro credit to the SHG women to establish their micro enterprises for self-employment and income generation. Through RMK and Canara Bank, we have supported 45 women groups for their IGP activities. The supported women established their own trades like petty shop, vessels renting, mini hotels, cattle farm, milk vending, readymade garments, artificial gem



polishing, tailoring, hallow block production, vegetable vending and agricultural development activities. Some of them are also supported for the higher education of their children. It was remarkable that majority of the women who undertake loans are utilized for their livelihood development and repaid the loan promptly. We honour and respect every woman for their proper utilization of loans and repayment. We are planning to extend our credit support for the women group members from some other sources.

3. Children Empowerment Programme:

3.1. Child Labour Special Schools:

Since 1995, VDC has been working for the elimination of child labour in the project area. It continues the Special Schools for the Child Labourers in two villages namely Sengulipatty and Sirugambur under the National Child Labour Elimination Programme (NCLP) with the Support of the CHEERS, Collector’s office, Tiruchirappalli headed by the District Collector. During the reporting period 55 child labourers were enrolled in our special schools and 24 children were mainstreamed. The children in the special schools were given mid-day meals,

school books and monthly stipend Rs. 150 per student by the project. We are regularly organizing health screening camps with support of the Primary Health Centre, Sirugambur. The children those who are needed further medical support are referred to Government Hospital, Trichy.

3.2. Child labour Awareness Campaign:

VDC involved in child labour awareness campaign more than sixteen years. It organized a rally on 12th June 2012 at Mannachanallur in which 200 students were participated. Students raised slogans with placards on the evils of child labour. Our volunteers distributed awareness leaflets to the general public. We create awareness among 3000 population.

3.3. Children Parliament:

VDC organised 30 children parliament with 800 children in the project area. With cooperation of Neighbourhood Children Network, Nagarcoil, we have organised trainings for the children. We organised leadership training, learning skills trainings, cultural trainings for the children. VDC needs support to continue this project.

4. Safe Drinking Water in Thane Cyclone Affected Villages, Cuddalore:

Since 2003, we have credible and cordial partnership with **Water for Humanity Fund, USA** and they supported bore wells for safe drinking water. During the reporting period, the Thane cyclone which formed in Bay of Bengal had crossed between Cuddalore and Pondichery in Tamilnadu on 30.12.2011 and caused extensive damages in the entire coastal and interior villages. Water for Humanity Fund, USA supported 12 hand bore wells on emergency basis. We established the hand bore wells in Manjakollai, Mettu Kuppam, Athivaraganallur, Kodikal nagar, Sammandam, Periya Kumatti, Chinna kumatti, Chillan kuppam, Arunmozhi thevan, Athiyanallur, Thachakadu and Palavathunnan villages in Parankipeti block in Cudalore district. 4306 population were benefited.



We have organized meetings with Panchayat Presidents, community leaders and bore well workers. We have organized community meetings and trainings on water conservation, health and hygiene. We have formed Water Committees, training on maintenance and repair of hand bore wells, promote hand pump maintenance fund and provided small tool kit. People are much grateful for the timely support of WHF and acknowledged their thanks in writings.

5. Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance & Development (TREAD) for Women:

Under this programme, we are continuing the small credit to the trained members with loan assistance from Canara Bank, Thirupanjeeli. The credit support helped women to raise their self confidence and self respect in the society and help to lead the family. The women who accessed credit are now earning average Rs. 100 per day. The regular monitoring helped us to understand the day to day needs of the beneficiaries.

6. National Environmental Awareness Campaign (NEAC)

With support of PEACE Trust, Dindigal, we have organized a workshop for small and marginal farmers on the theme of Biodiversity Conservation in agriculture. We have organized a tree plantation programme in 3 villages and planted more than 3000 plants. The plants are supported by the Forest Department, MR Palayam. Resource persons Mr. T. Arivalagan, BSc, Technical Officer, Forest Department, MR Palayam and Mr. K.Jayabalan BSc (Agri), Assistant Director Officer, Agriculture Department, Manachanallur were given input on biodiversity in agriculture. We circulated the pamphlets to the participants. 60 Farmers from Salakkadu, Ayyampalayam & Arayeepallam villages were benefited. The main impact of the programme was that the farmers realized the importance of biodiversity in agriculture, local seeds and seedlings and involved in tree plantation.



7. Organic Farming for climate change.



VDC has been working with small and marginal farmers for promotion of organic farming & climate change. It has promoted 20 organic farmers association and trained them on organic farming activities to produce organic food crops. VDC organized two workshops for 40 farmers and oriented them on vermi composting, organic pest controls, water saving, indigenous seeds protection and promotion. We have celebrated the Pongal festival with farmers at Ayyampalayam village.

8. Tribal Development Programme:

We are working with the tribal community in Pachamalai Hills, Tiruchirappalli district. We have organised a PRA programme to identify the environmental and agricultural situation of the tribal community. In the PRA the people reflects the degradation of forests and reduction of cultivation land. We have helped note books for 14 tribal children and helped 6 persons to access benefits from the Government. VRDP, Salem supported for this project under the coalition of "Tribal Association for Fifth Schedule Campaign" - TAFSC.

9. Micro Insurance for the Rural Artisans:

Every artisan needs insurance due to the risk employment in all unorganised sector. With support of LIC, Thanjore under their Micro Insurance Scheme, we covered insurance for 190 persons and continuing the programme.

10. Narikuravar Development Programme:

VDC has been working with Narikuravar community at Pirchandarkovil. They are a nomadic tribe community, lives in groups and speak a unique language. They erect temporary camp tents on roadsides & under flyovers and stay there for a brief period and shift to other places that suit their source of livelihoods. Children accompany the adults wherever they go, which means they never go to school. VDC is trying to provide shelter for 60 families, education for children and skills to women & youth.



11. TB awareness camps:



With support of REACH, Chennai we have organized 34 TB awareness camps in 23 villages. Nearly 2000 rural people were benefited. Through these camps we have educated on the details of causes for TB, Symptoms of TB, available medical services in the PHC and DMC, importance of DOTS etc. We referred 24 cases to the DMC for TB check-up. We distributed the reading materials supported by the REACH to the participants.

12. Networking Activities:

VDC have membership with the following credible networks and supported for the common action programme for the community development.

Coalition for Climate Justice	- CCJ
Tribal Association for Fifth Schedule Initiatives	- TAFSI
Campaign Against Child Labour	- CACL
Credibility Alliance	- CA

VDC promoted a network a year back to promote the environment, livelihood and natural resources of the community. There are 25 NGOs in the network spread in 7 districts of the State. We plan to work for the climate change.

13. National and International Travel:

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

14. VDC Board Meetings:

- The minutes of the meetings are recorded, read, approved and circulated to all the board members.
- The board approved the programmes, budget, annual activity report and audited financial statements of accounts.
- No remuneration or salary is paid to the board members. TA and DA paid for their participation in the board meetings.
- The Secretary of the VDC is appointed as the Project Director of VDC and paid Rs. 60,000 for his travel for monitoring the whole activities of the organisation.

15. Honorarium & benefits to staff

Rs. Per month	Male	Female	Total
Less than Rs. 3,000	02	04	06
Rs. 3,000 – Rs 6,000	04	02	06
Total	06	06	12

Highest Honorarium Paid to the Project Coordinator Rs. 6000
Lowest Honorarium paid to the Cook Rs. 1000

16. Our Bankers:

Bank of Baroda & State Bank of India, Mannachanallur, Canara Bank, Thirupanjeeli and ICICI Bank, Trichy

17. Auditor:

Mr. S. Kalaimani, Chartered Accountant (M. N. 019199) Tiruchirappalli has been appointed as Auditor for the period 2012 to 2015. The accounts of our organisation are constructed on "Cash Basis".

Conclusion:

We express our sincere thanks to our board members, donors, networks, NGOs, Government Officials, CBOs for their priceless support. We expect the same in coming years too.

Balance Sheet of VDC for the Year 2012-2013			
Receipts		Payments	
Opening Balance	243222.67	By Salaries, Travel & Benefits	459134.00
To Government Grant	25996.00	By Programme Expenditure	372307.00
To Foreign Grants	147936.00	By Interest & Loan Repayment	2049920.00
To Local Grants	327300.00	By Loan to Women SHG	5602500.00
To Interest and Loans	8058077.00	By Office Support	159326.00
To Bank Interest	2370.00	By Closing Balances	161714.67.00
Total	8804901.67	Total	8804901.67
Expenditure		Income	
To Salaries, Travel & Benefits	431864.00	By Govt. Grant	25996.00
To Programme Expenditure	372417.00	By Foreign Grants	147936.00
To Interest and Loans	489684.00	By Local Grants	327300.00
To Office Support	131646.00	By Interest Received	977647.00
To Depreciation	52023.13		
To Excess of Income Over Exp	1244.87		
Total	1478879.00	Total	1478879.00
Liabilities		Assets	
Capital Fund	908257.85	Fixed Assets	593396.18
Loans	4383578.00	Advances & Deposits	32000.00
Loans from General Fund	30340.00	Loans to SHGs	4535065.00
		Closing Balance	161714.67
Total	5322175.85	Total	5322175.85

Place : Mannachanallur

Signature

Date : 29.06.2013

(K.R.Raju, Secretary, VDC)