

## VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE - VDC

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### Annual Report - 2013-2014

#### **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 catchy word 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 a registered organization 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, 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 helped them to enrol in the “Tamilnadu Manual Workers Social Security Scheme”. We have helped the members to get benefits from the board. Rural peripheral workers are benefiting through the Tamilnadu Government schemes.

## **2. Women Empowerment Programme:**

### **2.1. Women Self Help Groups:**

VDC has been promoted 380 women self help groups in Manachanallur, Musiri, Turaiyur, Lalgudi, Thottiam and T.Pet blocks of Tiruchirappalli district, Tamilnadu. The group members are conducting their 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 NABFINS through VDC. The key persons of the groups are well trained and they are capable of 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 already formed 2 Panchayat Level Federations (PLF) in Ayyampalayam and Poonampalayam Panchayats. They are registered under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act at Registrar Office, Tiruchirappalli. Hope the PLFs will get economic benefits through banks.

### **2.3. Income Generation Programme - RMK:**

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 23 women 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, artificial gem polishing, tailoring, hollow block production, vegetable vending, education and agricultural development activities. 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.

### **2.4. Income Generation – Credit Programme through NABFINS:**

During the reporting period, VDC supported micro credit to 107 women self groups with support of *NABFINS, Bangalore*, a Government of India undertaking. NABFINS supported the women groups directly through its regular rating process. It provided Rs. 3.45 crore to the 107 groups. The members are utilizing the loan amount very properly and repaying the loan amount promptly.



### **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 Thirupanjeeli 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 50 child labourers were enrolled in our 2 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 the Government Hospital, Trichy. We are also organizing the monthly meeting for parents' and counseling them for enrolment of their children in regular schools.

#### **3.2. Child labour Awareness Campaign:**



VDC involved in child labour awareness campaign for more than sixteen years. It organized a rally on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Mannachanallur in which 200 students were participated. Students raised slogans with placard highlighting the evils of the child labour. Our volunteers distributed awareness leaflets to the general public. We create awareness around a population of 2000 people.

This awareness rally was headed by the Senior Manager, State Bank of India, and started by Mr. Nadesan, Sub Inspector of Police, Manachanallur.

#### **3.3. Children Parliament:**

VDC organised 30 children parliament with 800 children in the project area. We have organised leadership training, learning skills trainings, cultural trainings for the children. The children group meet once in three months and discussed their education, health, sanitation and environmental development of their villages. The children groups are under federation process. VDC needs support to continue this project.



#### **3.4. Food and nutrition support for MR Child:**

With support of Mr. Lakshmi Narayanan.B, who is working in Singapore has been sponsored for food and nutrition support for a MR Child. VDC provide the fund to Master. Shree Yaswanth Sheshathree who is residing at Trichy.

### **4. 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 three workshops and village level farmers meeting and oriented them on vermi composting, organic pest

controls, water saving, indigenous seeds protection and promotion, tree plantation and promotion of seed bank.

### 5. Safe Drinking Water Project:



Since 2003, we have credible partnership with **Water for Humanity Fund, USA**. During the reporting period we have provided two bore wells, each to Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Manachanallur and Inam Samapuram village. We have organized a meeting for the children at the school on the theme of water and sanitation. Further, we organized a meeting and training to maintain bore well at Inam Samapuram village. We have formed “Water Committees” at the school and Inam Samapuram village and formed a bore well maintenance fund. People were much grateful for the timely support of WHF and acknowledged their thanks in writings. The main outputs of the project are listed below;



- + 1600 rural population and 1000 school girls are benefited through this project. They started consuming safe and hygienic drinking water.
- + 500 cattle benefited by this project.
- + 300 families got reduced their burden of procuring drinking water from faraway from their homes,
- + People may fetch water whenever they have time and they are able to spend much more time with their children and other house hold activities,
- + 1000 girls are using water for drinking and cleaning their lunch boxes, etc.
- + The Panchayat met the additional expenses on their own cost,
- + People always remember and acknowledge with gratitude the stone words – WHF, USA,
- + We got a little more respect among community and in the Panchayat and have a sense of satisfaction that we solved their drinking water problems,

### 6. National Environmental Awareness Campaign (NEAC):



With support of PEACE Trust, Dindigal, we have organized a workshop, seed bank promotion and tree plantation programme for small and marginal farmers on the theme of Biodiversity Conservation in agriculture. We have organized a tree plantation programme in 2 villages and planted more than 300 saplings. The saplings were sponsored by the Forest Department. Resource persons are Mr. Durai Sankar, Assistant Agricultural Officer, Agriculture Department, Manachanallur, Mrs. S.Padma, Secretary, VPS



were given input on biodiversity in agriculture. We circulated the pamphlets to the participants. 65 Farmers from Kuruvampatty and Solanganallur villages were benefited. The main impact of the programme was that farmers promoted a seed bank and planted 300 saplings.

### **7. Tribal Development Programme:**

We are working with the tribal community in Pachamalai Hills, Tiruchirappalli district. We have organised village level community meeting among tribal and educated them on the environment, climate change and minor millets of the area. We have organised a



meeting for the school children on the importance of health and sanitation. One volunteer is associating our programme. We are also working with the tribal in the plain area at Manachanallur and Thirupanjeeli villages among *Malaikuravar* community. VRDP, Salem supported for this project under the coalition of “Tribal Association for Fifth Schedule Campaign - TAFSC”.

Further we are working with *Narikuravar* community at Pitchandarkovil. They belong to nomadic tribe community, lives in groups and speak a unique language. They erect temporary camp tents on roadsides & under flyovers and stay for a brief period and migrate to other places which 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.

### **8. 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 136 rural women.

### **9. TB awareness camps:**

With support of REACH, Chennai we have organized 9 TB awareness camps in 8 villages. Nearly 250 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 4 cases to the DMC for TB check-up. We distributed the reading materials supported by the REACH to the participants.



### **10. Field work training for social work students:**



VDC is adopting the college students those who are studying Social Work. During the reporting period 6 students from Indira Gandhi College, Holy Cross College and Srimad Andavan College, Tiruchirappalli were training on community development programmes. They learned the organizational systems, community development programmes, group work, case study etc.

## 10. 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
Tamil Nadu Coalition Post 2015	- TNCP 2015
Campaign Against Child Labour	- CACL
Credibility Alliance	- CA

## 11. National and International Travel:

There is no any national and 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 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.

## 13. 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 Rs. 6000. Lowest Honorarium paid Rs. 1000.

## 14. Our Bankers:

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

## 15. 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".

## 16. Our Partners:

We acknowledge our partners, Water for Humanity Fund-USA, Trocarie-Ireland, VRDP-Salem, NABFINS-Bangalore, Mr. Lakshmi Narayanan-Singapore, RMK-New Delhi, PEACE Trust-Dindugal, Reach-Chennai, Cheers-Tiruchirappalli for their kind support.

## 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.

<b>Balance Sheet of VDC for the Year 2013-2014</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>	
Opening Balance	161715	By Salaries, TA & Benefits	561810
To Government Grant	453597	By Programme Expenditure	548573
To Foreign Grants	66000	By Interest, Loan Repayment	1310000
To Local Grants	434060	By Loan to SHG & advances	4889300
To Interest and Loans	6303993	By Office Support	76424
To Bank Interest	1947	By Closing Balances	35205
<b>Total</b>	<b>7421312</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7421312</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Income</b>	
To Salaries, TA & Benefits	501810	By Govt. Grant	453597
To Programme Expenditure	692186	By Foreign Grants	66000
To Interest and Loans	322597	By Local Grants	204375
To Office Support	76424	By Interest Received	637593
To Depreciation	40581	By Bank Interest	1947
		By Excess of Income Over Exp	270086
<b>Total</b>	<b>1633598</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1633598</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		<b>Assets</b>	
Capital Fund	638172	Fixed Assets	234917
Loans	3493475	Advances & Deposits	409375
Loans from General Fund	-	Loans to SHGs	3452150
		Closing Balance	35205
<b>Total</b>	<b>4131647</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4131647</b>

Place : Mannachanallur

Signature

Date : 28.06.2014

(K.R.Raju, Secretary, VDC)