

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

An organisation committed for rural empowerment.

1. Origin:

Village Development Centre shortly known as VDC was founded in the year 1984 by a group of youth with the mission of uplifting poor and downtrodden. VDC is working in the undeveloped villages in Mannachanallur, Musiri, Lalgudi and Thuraiyur blocks of Tiruchirappalli district, Tamilnadu, India. VDC involved the community and stakeholder in all its development process. Mr. K.R. Raju, MSW is the founder member and have 35 years experience in voluntary sector.

2. Legal Status:

- 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,
- VDC is 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 AAA TV0152C
- VDC Registered with Home Ministry, GoI, with No: 076040142 dated 14th October 1992.
- VDC Registered in Planning Commission, GoI: **UNIQUE ID : TN/2013/0064083**

3. Vision:

Establishment of sustainable social order with equality and justice by enhancing people's participation for eco friendly life.

4. Mission:

- Working with children for ensuring their rights;
- Working with rural peripheral workers for their development rights,
- Working with women for their socio-economic and cultural empowerment.
- Working with dalits and tribal communities for inclusiveness
- Working with farmers for promoting organic farming activities
- Working with groups for establishing governance by people
- Working with similar organisations and networks for the welfare of one and all

5. Activities and Achievements in the past:

- 1500 child labourers mainstreamed through Child Labour Special Schools,
- Strengthening 45 Children Parliaments covering 1200 children in 20 villages,
- Strengthening 430 Women Self Help Groups and provided self employment skills,
- Nearly 3500 women got credit facilities for their economic empowerment,
- 200 farmers are training in organic farming and constructed 83 Vermi compost pits,
- Released 184 bonded labourers and rehabilitated with government assistance,
- Constructed 210 individual toilets and 12 school toilets with community participation.
- Constructed 63 houses for poor people affected by flood disaster
- Safe drinking water provided through 25 hand bore wells including victims area,
- Planted more than 10000 saplings in the project area,
- Intensive Campaigns organised on school enrolment, child rights, environmental awareness, health and sanitation, freshwater, social security and for tribal,

6. Networking & Linkages:

Campaign Against Child Labour	- CACL
Credible Alliance	- CA
Freshwater Action Network, Tamilnadu	- FANTN
Social Action Movement	- SAM
Tamilnadu Fifth Schedule Campaign	- TAFSC
Athivasi Development Initiatives	- ADI

7. Our Future Programmes:

- ❑ Strengthening the child labour elimination programme through Special Schools, campaign activities and sponsorship programme
- ❑ Increasing the women Self Help Groups with adequate Capacity Development for Self Governance and Self Management Practice
- ❑ Strengthening CBOs as the key players in the development process through education participation and action
- ❑ Increasing the Micro Credit Support services for economic well being and self reliance of women
- ❑ Promotion of alternate and sustainable livelihood models with scope for innovative replications
- ❑ Stabilize and Systematize the participation of women in family, community and local governance with effective decision making
- ❑ Protection of sanitation, environment and ecology through promotion of the organic farming, tree plantation, renewable energy and global warming activities.
- ❑ Equipping Basic infrastructure for the child labour special schools such as comfortable school building, kitchen and dining facilities, play materials and library
- ❑ Work shed for Women Groups for Entrepreneurship Development, Vocational Training and Micro Enterprise Promotion
- ❑ Promote indigenous knowledge among rural community through plantation, practice, protection of indigenous knowledge and marketing the products.
- ❑ Address new challenges such as HIV/AIDS, disability, natural disasters, and displacement effects of market economy, migrants and refugees, global warming, safe drinking water and indigenous and socio-economic destitution.

Our partners in development:

Trocaire, Ireland
Miva, Netherlands
Water for Humanity Fund,
USASiemenpuu Foundation, Finland
Youth Services America, USA
OTF, Canada, **VRDP**, Salem
Programme for Social Action, Kerala
Nabard Financial Services Ltd,
Bangalore, **NABARD**, **Trichy Cheers**,
Tiruchy DRDA, **Trichy GiveIndia**, Mumbai
Rastriya Mahila Kosh, New
Delhi, **CAPART**, New Delhi,
Ministry of Small Scale Industries,
New Delhi
Central Board for Workers Education,
National Institute of Naturopathy, New
Delhi

ECLOF India, CPR, Chennai
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