

YOUTH'S NETWORK TO EDUCATE AND EMPOWER THE WEAK



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About Organization:

Y-NEEW, registered as Society, was founded by a group of 8 like-minded scholastic pursuing Masters in Social Work, in Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, during the year 1998. Y-NEEW is a community-centric organization working for the up-liftment of the Dalits, the resource poor, the less-developed and the voiceless people, “ by Putting First Those Who Suffer the Most”. The team motivated by the vision of “A just and self –sufficient society”, has adopted the approach of networking the youths as the promoters of their community in all aspects. Since in foundation, Y-NEEW has created stamp on participatory development, involving the children, youth and the women in the decision making process. Y-NEEW has roots in about 160 villages in the blocks of Dindigul and Attur. Y-NEEW’s participatory and social audit approaches enable villagers of all caste and religious sections partake in equal development process.

Yneew Evening School:

YNEEW focuses on the education of rural children by support them through YNEEW Evening School Programme. We conduct 16 YNEEW Evening Schools in 16 villages. The center function in the evening from 05:30 PM to 07:30 PM and the classes are conducted by 16 volunteers. The children coming to the center develop their knowledge and skill at the academic education and extracurricular activities and sports activities. The volunteers also motivate the children to inculcate social concern and protection of environment by taking up community development activities such as tree plantation, village cleanliness and conduct awareness programme to avoid open defecation and maintain healthy reproductive care.



The details of YNEEW Evening Centers:

Total number of centers: 16

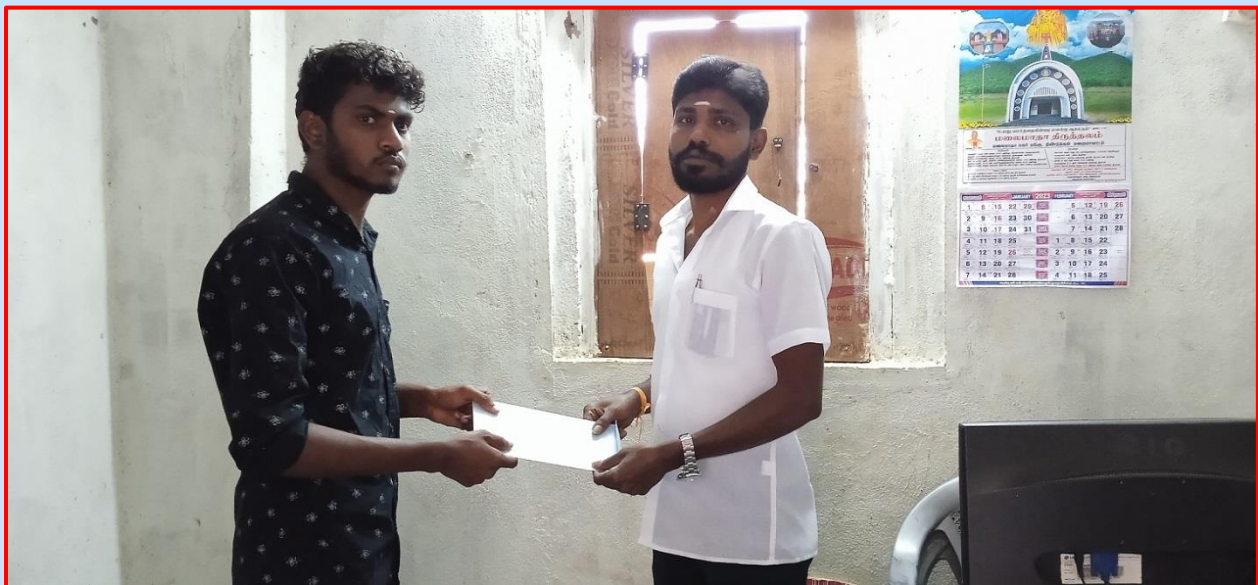
Total number of children: 592

S.No	Name of the Village	Name of the Volunteer	No Of Students
1	East Thomaiyarpuram	Ms.Arul Kila	30
2	West Thomaiyarpuram	Ms.Priyadharshni	35
3	Kurumbapatty	Ms.Sivaranjani	40
4	Kulakkaranpatty	Ms.Kanimozhi	35
5	Viralipatty	Mrs.Jeyanthi	42
6	Thavasimadai	Mrs.Kayalvizhi	43
7	Velampatty	Mrs.Dhanasekari	40
8	Pungampadi	Mrs.Deepa	46
9	Ramanchettiyapatty	Ms.Boomadevi	30
10	Pethampatty	Ms.Surya	34
11	Kannimar Kovil	Mrs.Saranya	35
12	Rajivgandhi Nagar	Mr.Arockiaraj	40
13	Malaipatty	Ms.Lalitha	32
14	Erandalaparai Colony	Ms.Sindu	33
15	Emakkalapuram Colony	Ms.Nagalakshmi	33
16	Nallamanaickenpatty	Ms.Jansimary	44
Total			592

Education First:

YNEEW for the past 16 years support poor and dalit students going for higher education and professional courses. We directly pay their college fees at the respected institutions to complete their education. We support students who have no parents or single parents and do not have any economical source to complete their education. So far 172 students that include both boys and girls.

For the academic year 2022-2023 we supported two students who are studying Diploma Course and Bachelor's Degree in Science. The programme supports very poor students to complete their higher education and economically develop their family from poverty situations. YNEEW expects to support at least 10 poor students every year to complete their higher education.



Adolescent.Net

YNEEW focus on development of adolescents since they are the potential change makers who needed capacity building, leadership qualities, healthcare, personal hygiene and take up leading role at their respective communities through awareness campaigns and group initiatives for change. YNEEW have so far formed 32 Adolescent groups with 480 members. Each group meets once in a month at their village and plan for the development activities support for community level programme conducted by YNEEW.

To improve the personal health for adolescents YNEEW provide nutritious food packet that contains millets and pulses. So far we have distributed the nutritious supplement in 16 villages to 32 groups. YNEEW conduct capacity building programme to the adolescent groups on reproductive health and personal hygiene, personality and leadership development to expose their potentials.



Village Learning Centre:



YNEEW conducts 19 Village Learning centers in Dindigul and Nilakottai in order to help students stay in touch with learning and reinforce basic academic skills in Math, Tamil, English and Science, our team conducted regular classes for children 2-3 times a

week in 19 villages. In some villages, 15-20 children attended these classes every week. In other villages, up to 35 children attended these sessions, in small batches. These classes reached out to 621 children. We have appointed 19 Tutors to conduct the classes for the children.

The details of education support to the children as follow...

S. No	Activities and support	No. Beneficiaries
01	Books and study materials distribution	621
02	Worksheet	621
03	Payment of school fees	346
04	Uniform	268
05	12 Competition and Exhibition conducted	621
06	06 Workshops	621

Carrier Guidance Program:

YNEEW conducts career guidance programme every year for students from higher education and who complete X STD and XII STD. The purpose of the programme is to guide the students how to choose the courses according to their capacity and complete successfully for getting a job and set their future. In reality the students from rural village do not much aware what type of course they can choose for their career. We conduct the career guidance programme two times in a year by inviting professional and teachers to motivate the student for their future.



This year YNEEW conducted career guidance programme at Velampatty in Sanarpatty Block on 03 July 2022 and totally 116 students participated and benefitted. The programme guides the students became aware of the engineering, diploma courses, medical and Para medical courses, regular college courses and short time job oriented courses. Through this programme we

supported 06 students in engineering, 11 students in arts and science, 07 polytechnic courses and 05 students in professional courses.

Akshaya Alicia Fashion House:

YNEEW support rural women through skill training and economical development activities that they have sustainable income to improve their family situations. Akshaya Alicia Fashion House conducts both skill training in tailoring and run a dress making unit. During the reporting period totally we have trained 60 rural women in three batches for a period of three months. The trained women either start their own self business activities or join at the dress making unit.

Dress Making Unit : YNEEW established the unit to train rural women and earn regular income through dress making trade. The details as follow..

- Promoted production and sales of ladies inner wears
- New initiatives in production of children wear
- Received orders of preparation of Bags and Masks
- Received orders of preparation of Christmas Bags
- Received orders for men's shirts

YNEEW at present runs Akshaya Alicia Fashion House and trains women on dress making skills. The unit equipped with 15 power machines and 44 women work in the unit in two shifts. 15 women work in the home and complete the stitching work. Each women gets INR. 300 as their daily income by stitching 10 shirts. At present the unit runs sustainably supporting these 44 women.



Apart from the dress making unit, YNEEW is conducting training programme on tailoring to women to develop their skills. During the year, we have given training to 42 women. The

training period is three months. After three months the trained women go for a job in a garment unit or they start their own self business activities. YNEEW collect 02% of income from the orders that are use for the electricity bills, maintenance of the machines and any repair work in the unit.

YNEEW and Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihoods Mission (TNSRLM):

TNSRLM is to build strong and vibrant institutional platforms of the poor in the rural areas which enable them to increase their household incomes through livelihood enhancements and access to financial and other services. YNEEW in partnership with TNSRLM conducted Aari and Embroidery training programme and Entrepreneurship Development programme.



AARI WORK AND EMBROIDERY WORK TRAINING was held in the month of June 2022 in Aathur, Dindigul and Sanarpatti Blocks. Mrs. Anantha Kavitha and Mrs.Sarika trained at Chettinayakkanpatti. Mrs.Amutha Surabi and Mrs.Sivakami trained at Sanarpatti. The trainers taught in the best way and explained the doubts of the users in a good way. Beneficiaries attended with interest.

The content of the training:

- Thread Embroidery (One Line Stiches),
- Blouse Model(Patch Work, Hand Embroidery, Neck Design, Sleeve Design),
- Aari Chain Stitch ,
- Jari Thread Work,
- Bead Work,
- Type Of Bead Work,
- Jamki Work,
- Blouse Model In Aari Design

Entrepreneurship Development programme:

Entrepreneurship Development programme was conducted in Dindigul district. The programme is conducted for 35-40 women in all blocks. We trained women to start to a micro business activity and obtain loan with Government subsidy in a nationalized bank. Totally we have trained 460 rural women. Totally YNEEW conducted 65 Entrepreneurship Development programme.



Staff welfare programme:

At present, 42 women work at Akshaya Alicia Fashion House in the dress making unit. All these women come from a disadvantaged background and they survive by the little income they earn from their regular work. They are unable to meet their health and medical expenses and educational expenses of their children. YNEEW has taken the initiative to support their constraints through staff welfare programme. Through this programme we support the beneficiaries for their emergency needs. The details of welfare support as follow...

01. Health and medical expenses : 38 Beneficiaries

02. Children education : 41 Beneficiaries



Aayushgram:

Ayurveda is an alternative medicine system with historical roots in the Indian subcontinent. The theory and practice of Ayurveda is pseudoscientific. Ayurveda is heavily practiced in India and Nepal, where around 80% of the population report using it. Ayurveda therapies have varied and evolved over more than two millennia. Therapies include herbal medicines, special diets, meditation, yoga, massage, laxatives, enemas, and medical oils. Aayurvedic preparations are typically based on complex herbal compounds, minerals, and metal substances Ancient Ayurveda texts also taught surgical techniques, including Rhinoplasty, kidney stone extractions, sutures, and the extraction of foreign objects. It is like extending all Aayurvedic and natural health services to the communities. The Centre also will function as training center both national and international groups can stay here for their training/meeting needs and also if need be avail our rejuvenation treatment at low cost. The purpose is to make sustaining revenues for running Yneew programme. This year, YNEEW provide aayurvedic treatment to 246 patients. Now the Centre attracts many more rural people to undertake aayurvedic treatment.



Support programmes

Teachers Day Program:

YNEEW conduct the “Teachers Day Programme” every year on 05 Sep. This year we conducted the programme on the same day at Malai Madha Church in Sirumalai foot hill. All 16 teachers and Mr. Anto Skinner, Executive Member of YNEEW. We reviewed the activities of the teachers and encouraged the support of teachers and their service for the rural children by offering complements.



Book Festival:

Every year “Dindigul Illakia Kalagam” conducts book festival and encourage school children to develop their habit of book reading. This year the book festival was conducted in Oct 2022. We have taken children from 04 centers to visit the book festival and 346 children participated in the exposure programme. Children visited book stalls and viewed different book materials and purchased the books they liked.



Staff Training:



YNEEW always realize the potentials and commitment of staff team to implement all development activities. To strengthen their knowledge, one day training programme for the staff team was conducted on 24 Aug 2022. Totally 22 staff members including the programme staff, teachers and volunteers participated. Mr. Henry Sahayaraj, President of YNEEW conducted training on programme design, implementation, planning and preparing their work report. He also motivated them to collect complete data of the respected village they are working and plan their activities for the issues they identify at their respective villages. Group discussion and games are conducted to share the opinion and feedback of the staff to strengthen their programme implementation still more effectively.

Nehru Yuva Kendra Program:



Nehru Yuva Kendras were established in the year 1972 with the objective of providing rural youth avenues to take part in the process of nation-building as well as providing opportunities for the development of their personality and skills.

YNEEW in partnership with NYK organized sports development programme at their office in Dindigul on 04 July 2022. Mr. Saran V. Gopal, NYK, participated in the event and distributed sports materials to the

Elangar Inayam” – Youth Group formed by YNEEW. The purpose of the event is to encourage youth at the community level to strengthen their skills in sports activities.

Programme with District Health Assembly:

The District Healthy Assembly conducted district level event at Dindigul Collector Office on 24 Jan 2023 to improve the basic health needs and infrastructure facilities in the rural communities. The event was presided by Mr. I.P. Senthilkumar MLA, Mr. Gandhirajan MLA and Dindigul District Collector and Dean of Dindigul Medical College.

Government Officials from Health Department and Non-Governmental Organizations are invited to share the issues to improve the health facilities. Mrs. Ramla Diravi, Secretary YNEEW and 04 programme staff participated in the event and express the need to improve the Primary Health Care center at Sirumalai and Sanarpatty.



YNEEW - NSS Camp Sirumalai:

YNEEW organized the children from Evening Schools and conducted two days NSS camp at Sirumalai on 09 and 10 May 2022. Totally 46 children participated in the two days campaign. The purpose of the camp is to clean the villages of Agasthiyarpuram and Palayur and create awareness among the people to avoid the use of plastics and open defecation.

The event was facilitated by Mr. Vellimalai, Panchayat President of Sirumalai Panchayat. For the days the children stayed in Sirumalai and they cleaned the villages by collecting plastics and garbage.

Children stayed at the community hall at the Murugan Temple in Sirumalai Palayur. The Panchayat President have taken the responsibility for the food, shelter and accommodation of the children. The youth from the community joined with our children in the mass

cleaning event. The president and the ward members appreciated the efforts initiated by the children and YNEEW.



Pongal Celebration:



Pongal is the harvest festival of Tamils and celebrated with the spirit of culture and tradition. YNEEW celebrated the Tamil Pongal Festival on 15 Jan 2023 at YNEEW office to mark the day of happiness. All programme staff joined in the event and We cooked pongal and distributed to all participants.

Networks:

YNEEW ensures its active participation for advocacy and lobby to major issues that effect children, youth and women with the support of Networking partners at District level and State Level. At present YNEEW is an active member in the following Networks..

01. Tamilnadu Volunteer Health Association – TNVHA
02. Campaign Against Child Labour – CACL
03. Makkal Nalvalu Iyakkam - MNI
04. Forum for Protection of Children Participation – FPCP

YNEEW participated in the network programme on TNVHA conducted at DMSSS office on 16 Sep 2022 and discussed to focus on reproductive health awareness and CACL District level meeting at SIMCODESS on 14 Dec 2022.

The state level FPCP meeting was conducted at Madurai on 02 Feb 2023 to strengthen the children clubs and conduct children state level meeting. Mrs. Ramla Diravi, Secretary YNEEW participated in the meeting.

The network meeting of Makkal Nalvalu Iyakkam was conducted on 04 Jan 2023 at Alverna Campus. Totally 28 NGOs network partners participated in the event. The network focus on community health needs and improving the health services and infrastructure facilities.



Our focus towards new initiatives for Sirumalai Tribal Communities

YNEEW has started supporting 68 tribal communities for their livelihood and improving their present living condition since 2021 during and post covid pandemic. Our focus is to address the development activities for the 68 palliyar tribal communities living in Sirumalai Forest Area which is 26 KMs from District headquarters of Dindigul.



Our Plan of Intervention:

01. The immediate need is to ensure a safe living for the 68 tribal families by reconstructing the present living houses with their consultation by supporting for changing the roofs that with stand against hot sun, heavy rain and storms.
02. Generally tribal people give less importance for the education of their children. To provide education to all tribal children a 05 members Education Committee need to be formed in all tribal villages who ensure that all tribal children complete primary and high school education. A monitoring system could be evolved to support these education committees.
03. Erecting solar lights at the common tribal settlement areas and to the individual houses by supporting the children to study and women feel comfortable for their cooking and protection of tribal people from wild animals and snakes.
04. Motivating and training the tribal community on the importance of girl education at high school level and conducting skill based education by enabling them to get professional jobs.
05. Tribal people work hard by collecting minor forest products. These products have both commercial value and high demand in the market. But the middle man cheats these people by purchasing the products for less cost and they benefit by selling to high price in the market. The need is to support the potential tribal women and youth by organising them as a group and conducting training on value added products and marketing skills that they become direct sellers for their own products and get the benefit directly.

06. There is a need to support the tribal family members who collect minor forest products by providing safety kit such as rain coat, shoes, water can, rope, emergency light and medical kit or first aid boxes.
07. There is high priority need to ensure the sanitation facilities at the tribal settlement by constructing eco-friendly common toilets with the support of available government welfare scheme that they maintain improved personal hygiene practices.
08. Personal healthcare and hygiene practice is very important for girl and young women from the age of 14- 48. We can select 12 young women and give them three months training on production of herbal napkin pads and with their support train the tribal women to follow safe hygiene practice during their menstruation periods.
09. To assist the tribal people for the emergency health needs, we need to select 12 potential women from the tribal community and provide one year basic healthcare and nursing training in a reputed institution. After the completion of the training all six tribal village will have a healthcare nursing assistant throughout the day.

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