

YOUTH NETWORK TO EDUCATE AND EMPWOER THE WEAK - YNEEW



Annual Report



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MAJOR PROGRAMME INTERVENTIONS

CHILDREN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

YOUTH NETWORK TO EDUCATE AND EMPWOER THE WEAK – YNEEW mainly focus development of rural children through education, conducting additional education activities, training skills among the adolescent girls and ensure a better career for their future. We work on the child rights, protection by creating a platform to exercise their participatory rights in all our programmes to increase their potential and leadership. Our Children development programmes as follow..



➤ YNEEW Evening School (YES) and Village Learning Centres (VLCs) :

The purpose of running YNEEW Evening Programme (YES) is creating an opportunity among the rural children to learn their formal education and compete with other children. Comparatively the educational potentiality among rural children need to be strengthened with additional learning expose their inherit talents. Comprehending the need we started YES programme in 19 villages in Sanarpatty and Nilakottai

block. We have appointed 10 Centre teachers to conduct the classes regularly in the evening. The children at the centres are trained on school syllabus, individual talents and extracurricular activities. We also conduct Science classes, science lab, science exhibition and learning through computer tablets for English and Mathematics.

The details of YES programme and VLCs as follow...

S.No	Name of the Village	Name of the Volunteer	No Of Students
1	Thomaiyarpuram	Ms.Nivetha	21
2	West Thomaiyarpuram	Ms.Priyadharshni	20
3	Kurumbapatty	Ms. Jeyashree	20
4	Kulakkaranpatty	Ms. Preethi	23
5	Viralipatty	Mrs.Anitha	25
6	Thavasimadai	Mrs.Kayalvizhi	23
7	Velampatty	Ms.Sandhiya	25
8	Pungampadi	Mrs.Priyanka	23
9	Ramanchettiyapatty	Ms.Boomadevi	25
10	Pethampatty	Mrs.Gowri	26
11	Kannimar Kovil	Mrs.Saranya	22
12	Rajivgandhi Nagar	Mr.Arockiaraj	28
13	Madur	Ms.Kowsalya	25
14	Maickelpalayam	Mrs.Vijayalakshmi	22
15	Thumbalampatty	Mrs.Muthusarathi	25
16	Thambinaickenpatty	Ms.T.Nantheeshwari	26
17	Pudupatty	Mrs.Alagulakshmi	24
18	Appavupillaipatty	Mrs.Muthukali	25
19	Aandipatty	Mrs.Hema	28
Total			430

➤ **Education Support:**

Every year YNEEW support vulnerable students who are unable continue their higher education. We identify such students and enrol them into an educational institution and pay their educational fees. This year we supported the following three students for their higher education. The supported three students are continuing their education at their respective educational institutions.

➤ **Adolescent Group:**

Adolescence is a time of rapid physical, psychological, and social changes that mark the transition to adulthood. Here are some things to expect during adolescence. Girls learn to understand, express, and regulate their emotions. This is important for navigating relationships and functioning effectively in the world. Girls may still perceive the world around them in concrete terms, such as "right or wrong" or "awesome or awful". Girls may become more interested in new hobbies and self-discovery, and may place importance on acceptance by peer groups. Adolescence can be a stressful or challenging time for teens because of the rapid changes.

To motivate the adolescent girls and develop positive perspective during their physical and emotional growth and become able leaders in the society, we have formed “Adolescent Groups” in our working areas, we regularly conduct group meetings, training, workshop and exposure visits and actively participate at the community development programmes.



This year we have formed 11 boys groups and 11 girls groups in our working areas. The details of groups and group members as follow...

S.No	Village Name	Adolescent Group – Girls	Adolescent Group - Boys
1	Thavasimadai	Ilam Thendral	Ilaiya Nila
2	Velampatty	Vanampadi Paravaikal	Vanam Vasappadum
3	Pungampadi	Ilanchudar	Arputhamana Malarkal

4	Viralipatty	Kavikkuyil	Kulanthai Pasanga
5	Kurumbapatty	Puthumai manidarkal	Pudumai Piththan
6	Kulakkaranpatty	Arivu Sudar	Naam Anaivarum Ondru
7	West Thomaiyarpuram	Kalai Thendral	Kalai Nila
8	East Thomaiyarpuram	Ilaiya Bharatham	Sinthanai Sirpi
9	Pethampatty	Thensittu	Thenisai
10	Ramanchettipatty	Eppothum Nanbarkal	Eppothum Uravukal
11	Madur	Ilanguyil	Tamil Kudumba Paraikal

➤ **Career Guidance Programme:**

Based on our experience, YNEEW planned to conduct “CAREER GUIDANCE AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME” in the month of 26 May 2023 at Panchayat Community Hall in Valakapatty. We conducted the Career Guidance Programme for the students to discern their courses and future job opportunities. The invited resource persons who explained the different types of educational courses available after Higher Secondary Education and employment opportunities. We invite the resource persons from Periyar University, Gandhigram University and Madurai Kamarajar University and Educational Institutions such as RVS Engineering College, Sacred Heart College and GTN Arts and Science College.

YNEEW invited all those students studying in YES Programme in our target villages and appeared in X SID and XII STD Public Exam and scored high marks. The students are encouraged by providing prize complements and supported cash prize to continue their higher education. Totally 126 students participated in the programme and benefitted.



➤ **Sports Day Program:**

To develop the sports skill among the students of YES Programme YNEEW conducted sports day celebration at Thavasimadai village on 28 Jan 2024. Totally 234 students both boys and girls actively participated. We conducted sports events such as Running, Lucky corner, lighting candle, Lemon with spoon, filling water, balloon game, drawing and music chairs. The coming together of children from different educational centres made the event joyful and work together as a team to achieve a target. After the event, prizes are distributed to all children participated in the sport activities and Mr. William Selvakumar President of Thavasimadai, Manager from CANARA BANK, Village Nurses from Primary Health Centres, Women Leaders from Mahalir Thittam, Anganvadi Staff and Community Volunteers participated in the sports event.



➤ **Book Festival;**

Every year “Dindigul Illakiya Kalagam” conducts Books Festival in Dindigul. The purpose of the programme is to motivate school students to develop their reading habits with different books since many students get addicted with digital media. At book festival many publications install their stall and sell their books. Students get concession for buying books and they also conduct events and awareness programme. We have made an opportunity for our students from YES Programme to have a visit. On 11 Oct 2024, we organized event and totally 168 children participated in the book festival programme.



➤ **Village Learning Centres:**

As the first step in setting up the Science lab, we tied up with AhaGuru Education Technology Pvt. Ltd., a renowned Science education company in Chennai. The AhaGuru team developed a customized science program, keeping in mind the requirements of rural middle and high school students in our area. Following this, a series of intensive training programs were conducted for our staff – in Chennai and in Nilakottai.

Our staff got in-depth understanding of concepts & experiments related to light, sound, heat, energy, magnetism and electricity. They tried out all the experiments and explained the concepts, in preparation for their classes with children.

Women Development Programme

➤ Akshya and Alicia Fashion – AAF

As planned AAF is successfully running and providing training on tailoring to women. YNEEW provided training to 25 women, the I Batch from 15 Jan 2024 to 15 April for a period of three months. The training programme for Second Batch was conducted from 15 April 2024 – 15 July 2024 for three months. The garment unit is also successfully ongoing by taking orders from outside. During the three months training the women are given training on handkerchief, inners, blouse, kids wear, inskert and cuddidhars. The trained women after successfully completing their training will join the garment production unit. In the garment unit they get regular orders of shirts and aprons. At present 28 women work in the garment unit and 16 women work from home. Each women are getting INR. 400 per month.



This year 75 women are trained in dress making trade. The training period is 03 months. All those trained women who completed the training are provided Course Completion Certificate which helps to obtain better job opportunities in textiles.



➤ **Women Entrepreneurship Programme:**

YNEEW in partnership with MERDS – Natham selected 70 rural poor women and supported them to take up income generation activities and we selected the beneficiaries Sanarpatty Block. Under this income generation programme each beneficiary is provided a seed grant of INR. 10, 000/-. After the training the selected beneficiaries started the following income generation activities..

01. Goat rearing – 22 women
02. Catering unit to prepare and sell sweets – 12 women
03. Tailoring and dress making work by procuring a sewing machine – 26 women
04. Petty Shops – 10 women



➤ Yuva Samwad – India Programme

YNEEW and Nehru Yuva Kendra organised one day event on Yuva Samwad – India @ 2047 programme at Anugraha College. The event was conducted on 03 Aug 2023. The Samvad is an unstructured discussion among youth led by persons of eminence. The dialogue and discussion during the Yuva Samvad India @ 2047 will be based on the theme of Panch Prans (five resolves) as proclaimed by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, during the Independence Day Speech on August 15, 2022. To carry out the Central Government Programme, we conducted event among the college students.

The national level Utsav shall ensure that the State Cultural events and youth participants selected be the best possible representation of the inclusive heritage and culture of the country. During the event Mrs. Pushpakala, Social Welfare Officer and Project Officer from District Child Protection Unit participated in the programme. Mr. Saran . V. Gopal District Coordinator of Nehru Yuva Kendra presided over the function. Fr. Isaac, Principal of Anuraha Arts and Science College facilitated the event.



➤ **Women's Day Celebration:**

YNEEW marked the "International Women's Day' more meaningfully this year on 08 March 2024. We conducted two events on this day. We celebrated the day with the tribal women at Sirumalai Forest Area at Ponnuruvi Village. We also celebrated the same event at our Akshya Alicia Fashion Centre with the women involved in dress making trade. We motivated our target women to take up their leadership at their houses and in the community and prepare themselves to raise their voices against violence and discrimination against women. Our women holding the plug cards raised their voices.



➤ **MSSW Tribal Programme(Chennai):**

YNEEW and Madras School of Work come into a partnership to work for the tribal development at southern region. MSSW organised a National Conference on “Tribal entrepreneurship and inclusive Development” on 20 March 2023 in Chennai. YNEEW participated in the programme and as a follow up programme we obtained cheque from TADHCO Director Mr. Kandasamy IAS for erecting drinking water facilities to tribal community at Sirumalai Forest Area.



Sirumalai Tribal Community Development Programme:

YNEEW came into a potential partnership with PRESIDIO – Chennai to carry out the Project - “Enhancing Relief, Rehabilitation, Healthcare and Education to 68 Paliyar Tribal Communities in Sirumalai Forest Area, Dindigul District, Tamilnadu”. The following tribal development programmes..

1. Field Visit – Tribal Settlement

1.1. Overall data collection: We have collected the overall data of all tribal families living in Sirumalai Forest area.

1.2. Individual family survey: The individual family data of tribal communities living in the following tribal settlement have been collected and recorded.

- Thalaikadai, - Velanpennai, - Karuppukovil, - Ponnurivi - Agasthiyarpuram

All proposed activities, project intervention and selection of project direct beneficiaries are undertaken based on the data collected



2. Presidio Team Visit

We thank for the initiative taken by PRESIDIO TEAM headed by Mr. Ramkumar for their field visit to the tribal families living in Sirumalai forest area. One day field visit on 17 Feb 2024 have been conducted and Mr. Balamurali joined with our team. We visited Ponnuruvi, Karuppukovil and Agasthiyarpuram and conducted meetings with the tribal families.

At the end of the meeting in the same evening feedback meeting was conducted at Sirumalai and confirmed the partnership with YNEEW and PRESIDIO to continue with the proposed project plan. PRESIDIO confirmed their contribution on the same day and encouraged the YNEEW Team to plan for their activities and start implementing. Followed by the field visit, YNEEW presented revised proposal and budget and started the project implementation.



3.

Education Program:

Our primary focus is to reduce dropouts among tribal children and all children under the age of 14 are enrolled in schools.

4.1 Laptop distribution to Annalakshmi

During the field visit by PRESIDIO TEAM we found one girl Ms. Annalakshmi, a tribal girl children completed her diploma and unable to comprehend her future either to continue her higher education or getting into a job. The team members from PRESIDIO immediately promised to offer a laptop to this girl to plan and continue her career. As promised a laptop was offer and handed over to her.



4.2 Employment Registration for annalakshmi

4.3 TNPSC group-4 exam application registration for annalakshmi

4.4 Higher Education Support – RVS College admission Annalakshmi and Malathi

YNEEW team had followed with concern to support for the higher education of Annalakshmi that a tribal girl complete her higher education. Initially she was invited to office and supported her to register with Government Employment online portal. We have also encouraged her to register for Group IV exam conducted by TNPSC.

As the process was ongoing Annalakshmi was supported to continue her higher education. We approached RVS Engineering College and explained the desire of Annalakshmi at their administration. They were so helpful to extend the support and given admission for II year B.E Course.

5. YNEEW Evening School:

To support the school going children to continue their education and improve their basic knowledge YNEEW started 02 YNEEW Evening Schools (YES) programme in Ponnuruvi and Karuppukovil. We have appointed two teachers to take classes in the evening. The centre function from 05:30 PM to 07:30 PM. The names of the villages and teachers as follow...

- Ponnuruvi Teacher – Mrs.Panchavaram
- Karuppukovil Teacher – Mrs.Sugapriya



6. Clean Sirumalai to make Green Sirumalai , Health and Hygienic Campaign:

Sirumalai is the popular tourist spot for the people living in Dindigul. Many people visit the hills area during the weekends. But the visitors do not aware the ecological conservation of forest area and

exploit the serene environment by leaving the waste and plastics. It pollute the environment do harm for the animals and particularly monkeys.

To generate public awareness and clean the waste, YNEEW organized “Clean Sirumalai to make Green Sirumalai” programme with the support of YNEEW Evening School Students and Tribal Community People. On 01 March 2024, the cleaning programme and collection of waste started at Sirumalai Check-post. The Chief Guests of the event are Panjayat Vice President Mr.Vetrivel, Panjayath secretary Mr.Muthukumar, Forest Officer Mr.Ganeshkumar. Totally 98 students participated in the event. The Sirumalai Panchayat supported by providing a tractor to collect the waste.



Networking Programmes

- Mrs. Ramla Hammed, Secretary YNEEW participated at TNVHA Annual General Body Meeting – Thanjavur 16/09/2023
- YNEEW actively participate in all district level and block level Health Assembly of Makkal Nalvalvu Iyakkam
- YNEEW staff Mr. Raja and Subramani participated at the Civil Society Organization on Social Justice and Equity programme conducted in Madurai on 20/02/2024
- YNEEW jointly with the District Administration participate at all Child Protection Committee meetings at block level and district level
- YNEEW in partnership with “Nehru Yuva Kendra conducted “Millet Food Mela” with the support of YNEEW Women Self Help Groups of “SUYASEVAI FEDERATION” on 26 May 2023 at Valakkapatty.



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With Kind Regards,

Mrs. Ramla Hameed

Secretary

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