



CORD Thamaripakkam **REPORT OF ACTIVITIES DURING APRIL - JUNE 2011**

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Chinmaya Bhagirathi SHG, at Thamaripakkam a 12 member SHG at Tamil colony, Tpkm panchayath completed five years of successful operations and accounts were settled to its members on 16.05.11. CORD Field staff Tmt.Lalaitha & Tmt.Gayathri reviewed the group's accounts and finalized the settlements. This group had taken Revolving Fund Loan of Rs.40,000/- from UCO Bank and every member used it to improve their livelihood income and successfully repaid the dues to the bank. On successful repayment of the Revolving fund Loan, bank released the govt's subsidy amount of Rs.10,000/- to this SHG thanks to the follow up by CORD Filed staff. (The Photograph of SHG Members with CORD Team & also Br.Sadasiva Chaitanya at the time of distribution of Subsidy amount)



Chinmaya Annapoorani SHG, a 12 member SHG at Appakulam village, in Vathathoor Panchayath completed five years of successful operations and the accounts were settled among its members on 15.05.11. CORD Field staff Tmt.Lalaitha & Tmt.Suganthi (Part-time Volunteer) reviewed the group's accounts and finalized the settlements. This Group again reformed and opened a new Bank A/c. Now Tmt.Suganthi taking care of this SHG operations in Vathathoor Panchayath as a part-time volunteer

Chinmaya Jyothi SHG , a 13 member SHG at Koot Road, Thamaripakkam Panchayath completed five years of successful operations and accounts were settled among its members. This Group had taken a Revolving Fund Loan of Rs.40,000/- and the Loan amount was utilized by the members to improve their livelihood incomes and the Loan was successfully returned to bank. On successful return of the Revolving fund to bank, the bank released the a subsidy amount of Rs.10,000/- to this SHG thanks to the follow up of CORD Filed staff .

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Election & Fight against corruption campaign

In April 2011, 'Go for Voting' awareness door to door campaign was conducted by CORD towards greater participation TN assembly elections 2011.

Awareness on Anna Hazare's Fight against Corruption was spread door to door at all Panchayaths where CORD is working through SHGs, MM & Youth Club.

This campaign initiated by CORD team.was initiated by our CDO sri.Chelladorai.



Career Guidance Workshop



A Career guidance workshop ('Vizhithidu') - Wake up in Tamil)was conducted for 10th and +2 completed students by CORD at Chinmaya Arangam Thamaraiakkam on 1st May 2011. to help the students to choose the right career in their life by taking right course of study.

Rural students are not aware about how to become a professional in their life, the opportunities now available for successful career and growing demand in various fields & to become entrepreneur, etc. .It needed hard work to mobilize the students for the Career Guidance Workshop

in this Village ince gathering the students was a real challenge. Getting experts in different fields to Thamaraiakkam to address for students was another difficult task.

CORD ,Thamaraiakkam having taken up this as challenge, was able to gather 150 students in and around Thamaraiakkam and SEVENTEEN experts from various fields responded to our call and gave motivating presentations and inspiring guidance to the students. Renowned personalities from Armed Services, IAS, Law, Teaching, Agriculture, Folk arts, Chartered Accountancy etc addressed the students. Students were excited and were actively involved in this interactive program.



Rural Exposure to Urban Students.

A Group of 65 students from Chennai Chinmaya Vidyalaya visited Thamaraiakkam on 26th May 2011.To give them a feel of rural life various activities like Flower picking at fgardens, flower garland making, bull cart ride etc . The students enjoyed the activities. Bit of Rural India's present situation and needs addressed to these students.

VALARMATHI GROUP

Skill Development

Knitting training was given to Tamil colony Yuvathi group at CORD Center at the initiative of Yuva Veer Selvi.Kokila (from Singapore) who was volunteering at CORD,Thamaraiakkam



Exposure Visit

Valarmathi Group were taken on a exposure visit to Cultural heritage center 'Dakshinachitra' at Muttukadu on 23.04.11 to know more about our cultural tradition, different types of traditional architecture & Martial arts.

24 Girls joined this tour and they learned several crafts and about our traditional architecture in different parts of India, They also involved in few activities like pottery, leaf painting and get hands on exposure in martial art Silambam too.

This tour initiated by Yuva Veer Selvi.Kokila was organised under the guidance of Sri.P.N.Kannan, Director. ,CORD@ Thamaraiaskkam



Summer Camp on Computers.

A One month summer computer class for +2 completed students was started on 6th May 2011 at CORD TPKM Computer Center. 21 students in and around TPKM panchayath joined the course at an affordable rate of Rs.100 and completed course successfully covering Basics of Computer application and MS Office ,



BALVIHAR

Training

Balvihar Teachers' Training camp was conducted on 02.04.11. A new attempt was made at CORD TPKM by volunteer Selvi.Kokila to prepare and issue of Balvihar guidance manual first time in Tamil to Sevak and Sevikas and successfully issued to them.



Environment

A session of Sapling plantation was carried out for Balvihar Kids at Madumanagar in April 2011. This was initiated by CORD Field staff Th.Gajendran.



Community Feast

Balvihar kids joined the traditional community feast called '*Kootan Chooru*' was held with great gusto at Maduma nagar Balvihar. Program was initiated by Balvihar Sevika.Shobana guided by CORD Volunteer Yuva Veer Selvi.Kokila



Cool camp

6th Year *Kodayil Vasantham*(Cool camp), four days nonresidential camp for Rural Children conducted at CORD TPKM Center from 5th May to 8th May 2011. Village Children joined the four days camp includes spiritual session, awareness campaign, activities, folk arts, games, patriotism and etc., About 350 students from 7 villages were participated to this camp. The entire work force of CORD TPKM and CHYK TPKM dedicated to make this camp as successful.



LIVELIHOOD

New four Sewing machine were added at CORD Thamaraiakkam on 12th May 2011, thanks to sponsorship of a well wisher from Dubai. This was channelised through CORD HO. New Delhi. These four machine added strength to CORD Tpkm Tailoring center to accommodate more number of students to have hands on experience in Dress making.



With grateful prostrations at the Lotus feet of Pujya Gurudev and Pujya Guruji.

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* Please ignore the dates appearing on the photographs.