

RURAL WORKERS DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (RWDS)

Annual Activity Report



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RAMANATHAPURAM - 623503

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Introduction:

Rural Workers Development Society was founded in the year 2007 by a group of public minded leaders those who are effectively concerning in community development activities for more than three decades. It was registered under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act vide Registration number 93/2007. Its head quarters are located in Ramanathapuram. RWDS is working among children, women, youth, farmers, rural unorganized workers especially Palmyrah Workers in Ramnad District.

Target Area:

State : Tamilnadu

District : Ramanathapuram.

Blocks :Mandapam, Ramanathapuram, Kadalady, Tirupullani, Thiruvadanaai, R.S.Mangalam, Muthukulathur, Kamuthi, Paramakudi and Nainarkovil.

Vision : The socio economic development of the marginalized with emphasis on Palmyrah Workers, Women and Children

Mission :

- To mobilize and federate the Palmyrah workers irrespective of caste, creed or religion to organize for their livelihood issues.
- To make them understand their condition and motivate them to participate in their development through awareness generation.
- To improve their bargaining power and to link with Govt and formal institutions for self reliance and substances.
- To enable for adequate health and education to Children for better tomorrow.

Working Areas:

Ramanathapuram is situated along the Eastern coastal District of the Southern Tamilnad. The Bay of Bengal in the east, The Calf of manner in the whole sea shore, Sivagangai, Pudukottai, Virudhunagar, and Tuticorin constitute its boundaries. Spreading over an area of 4232 sq'km. This District is divided into 11 development Blocks and it has the highest population of urban population among the major districts. The incidence of poverty and drought is highest among the 32 districts. Ramnad has also a population of scheduled castes 28% children compose 27.2% of the population.

Project operational area is located in Ramanathapuram District in Southern part of Tamil Nadu (650 Km away from Chennai). Drinking water is acute problem. Women have to walk miles together to fetch water, and it is very difficult to get pure, soft and potable water irrespective of Government efforts. In brief Ramanathapuram is a most backward and underdeveloped district in terms of Socio-Economic and industrial development

AREA DETAILS:

District - 1

Taluk - 5

Blocks - 11

Village - 110

General Board members

S.no	Name	Position
1	D.R. Chandran	President
2.	P.Subramani	Vice President
3.	V.soundramalathi	Secretary
4	G.Pasupathy	Treasurer
5	S.Sathyasekaran	EC Member
6	P.Kannan	EC Member

7	A.Basheera parveen	EC Member
8	D.Kanagavalli	GB Member
9	N.Rajamani	GB Member

Strategy

- Coordinating all the Palmyra Workers in the form of Block, District and State Level Sangams to get all their existing resources from the Government
- Livelihood and welfare of the children of the Palmyra workers families would be focused through the Village, Block, District and State level Association

ACTIVITIES

1. Palmyrah workers sangam Meetings :

Resolution passed in Palmyrah workers sangam meetings on protest of child labour system and the prevention of child labor. The resolution was passed with the participation of 3124+7713=10445 sangam members in 151 village sangams.



2. Children collective meetings :

Children collective works to ensure the Children's rights to participation and to teach them social education. In every village children collectives there are 8 to 18 age children took membership in these collectives. They shared their day to day school experiences and aims and goals also. Discuss their needs and problems. Also reads books Thulir and Uttrukkan together and discuss about its concepts. And playing Traditional gram games together as a group talking about public matters also takes places. 52 children collectives actively working in 52 villages.

This year a special training provided to children collectives Child centre Modules – Life skill training, Self responsibility, Self identity, self respect, self confidence, children participation, creativity thinking, Analysis and scientific discussion, Children’s growth and development stages, Awareness on sexual problems, scientific thoughts, and factors affected children.

And this year Cluster level sport team organized for Kho – Kho, Kabadi, Volley ball, Foot ball, Carrom and chess as Uchipuli, Koravalli, Thirupullani, Keezhakarai, Kavakulam, Sayalkudi and Kannirajapuram clusters. And Cluster level team formed as Block level with selected players and also trained by PET masters. Now Three block level Kadaladi, Mandapam and Thirupullani team formed for Kho – Kho, Kabadi, Volley ball, Foot ball, Carrom and chess



3. Adolescent children collective meetings:

Organized the children between the age group of 11 -18 in our palmyrah workers villages, and special meetings arranged them. Psychological and Physiological education and discussions provide to children in these meetings. in this age of adolescence Most of the children dropout from school and became to child labor. So to educate them and counseling is provide them on the difficulties and dangers of children going to work. Advice on body cleansing and healthy living is provided. Thus 28 meetings conducted in 11 villages with the participation of 282 children and 36 child labors. Through this meetings they got aware on the importance of Education, difficulties and dangers of children going to work.

4. Adolescent Girls collectives meetings :

Organized the 11-18 years girl children in our palmyrah workers village and special meeting conducted for them. Psychological and Physiological education and discussions provide to children in these meetings. And for adult female children, self cleanliness, Hormone secretion, Physiological and Physiological changes counseling also provided.

Advance Adolescent Girl children life skill training conducted at Christu Kula Ashiramam - Courtalam. on 27-12-2019, 28-12-2019 and 29-12-2019 for 20 adolescent girl children from our working villages.



5. Evening classes :

Evening classes started in 5 villages, Kannigapuri, Nathakulam, Periya Mayakulam, Alaigathavalasai and Kudhiraimozhi pandiyan nagar villages. This is for resolve school related doubts and makes the exams easier to handle to 9th std to 12 std children 54+76 children benefitted by using this classes.



6. School enrollment Campaigns:

Ensure the 3-18 years children education is one of the goal of our organization. We are campaigning to enroll all children in Government schools in the face of its implementation. Especially for enroll the 3 year children in Anganwadi centre and 5 years completed children in Govt Primary school in our 52 villages. In this 1 school level school Enrollment campaign, 35 village level school Enrollment campaigns, 3 Panchayath level school Enrollment campaigns 2 Panchayath level Campaign, 1 Block level and 1 cluster also conducted. Enrollment Campaign conducted through Rally, Cultural Programes, Provide Bit notices and conduct Seminars also. 418 Children collectives members, 212 Palmyrah sangam members, Panchayat level elected members, District Child protection unit, Police department, Child welfare committee, Child line, Anganwadi staff and public like members took participated in this Campaign.



7. School Management Committee meetings :

We continue to work to compel the Government to fully implement the RTI Act with a view to ensuring the primary education of children. By continuing this we took participate in SMC meeting with trained parents and cadres. SMC meeting conducted in 5 Schools at Kudhiraimozhi Pandiyan nagar, Kavakulam, Melakidaram, Poopandiyapuram, Pullanthai and Koravalli villages. Our Trained SMC members participate in above meetings and resolutions made on Compound wall for school, Water facility for Toilets, Classrooms, Protected Drinking water, Quality of Education, Ensure the Continues attendance of children.



8. Activate the ICDS centres :

Various measures are taken to ensure the Health protection, nutrition for 0-6 years children, ANC, PNC and Adolescent girl children and Ensure pre education of 3-5 years children. There is only 36 villages have the ICDS Centre facilities out of 52 villages. Infrastructure and activities are very poor in ICDS centres. To fix this issues in this year, Alaigatha valasai, Koravalli in Mandapam block, Methalodai North in Thirupullani Block and Vellapatti and Kavakulam in Kadaladi block centres are selected and encouraged by parents visits.

As a result of a series of efforts taken this year, now Pullanthai, Vellapatti, ThamaraiOrani, Manickanagar, Sengalaneerodai, Pudhumayakulam, Methalodai, Poopandiyapuram, Kavakulam, and Nathakulam Anganwadi centre's, Parents visits ensured and result of this visits the attendance record of children who do not attend in center is reduced.

9. Child Labor Committee Meeting

Prevention of child labor and mainstreaming them to education is one of our main objectives. We had identified 172 child labors among 4821 in our 52 target villages. Among them 70% of the child labors are in Kadaladi block. We had mobilized them as Child Labor Committee. The CLC has been actively functioning in 9 villages of Kadaladi block. In this committee they meet every week and enjoy the childhood. We had facilitated them to reenroll in schools and other technical institutions as the child wish. For this year we had conducted 22 meetings in which 22 boys and 26 girls were took part and benefited.

Life skill training conducted to Child labors on 04-10-2019 at Sayalkudi Pathaneer Maligai, Mrs. Parvathavarthini was a Resource person of this Training.

Impact of working children participation in Child labor meeting, they are very concerned about the study of their sisters and brothers.



10. Child labor parents committee

We do number of activities to eradicate the child labor practice. To boost the activity we had decided to promote Parents Committee of Child Labor in our target villages. The committee can help us to generate more rapport with parents and give parents more understandings about the evils of child labor.

During this year we had promoted Child Labor Parents Committee in 1.Keezhavalasai 2.Kannikapuri, 3.N.Kamarajapuram, 4.Manickanagar, 5.Pooandiyapuram, 6.Keezha Allikulam, 7.Elanthaikulam, 8.Vellapatti, 9.Kuthiraimozhi Pandianagar 10. Gandhinagar 11. Thavukadu and 12.Alaigathavalasai villages. We had conduct meeting of this committee ones in two months and discussed about the demerits of child labor practice. We had insisted about importance of child hood and education. 152 parents participated in all of these meetings.

11. Anti Child Labor Day – Rally – Seminar

Anti Child labour day seminar conducted on 14-06-2019 at Janarthanan Maligai-Ramanathapuram. Mr.Sankar – Inspector of Labor Department, Mr.Duraimurugan – DCPO – Ramnad, Mr.DuraiRaj – District Child welfare board, Mr.Karuppasamy – child line, Mr.Devaraj – SPEED Trust, , Children, Parents, Palmyrah sangam members, Teachers , Labor department and public also took participation.

Mr.Sathaiah,, Director – RWDS headed to this Seminar. Mr.Sankar – Inspector of Labor Department - Ramnad started the Anti Child labor day Rally. It started from

Janarthanan Malagai – Ramanathapuram and moved via Govt Hospital Road and ended at Vazhividu Murugan Temple – Ramanathapuram.



12. Panchayat level child Protection committee :

As a result of last year's child labor consultation meeting and the subsequent District collector meeting, In this year Panchayat level child Protection committee conducted in Mandapam, Kadaladi and Thirupullani blocks. Village level child protection committee meeting conducted in Kannirajapuram, Methalodai, Mookkaiyoor, Narippaiyoor, Pillaiyarkulam, Kanchirangudi, Irumeni, Koravalli and Puduvalasai. In this meeting VAO, Panchayat secretary, Police dept, School HM, VHN, Anganwadi Teacher, Parents, Sangam cadres, PLF members and school children were took participation.

Continuation of this event, Refreshment Training conducted to Cadres about Problems of children, how to deal and Child protection laws.

Impact of this Training, Children who were went to Private School in insecure term from Kannigapuri village, now admitted in Govt Primary school – Keezhaallikulam.



13. Resolutions At Grama Sabha :

For solve the children's Education and Health problems, Sangam members, Parents and village volunteers took participation in Grama sabha meetings made resolution on this issues.

1. Resolution made on Retain as child labor free village, Child marriage nil, Retained as dropout free village Kanjirankudi Panchayat.
2. Special resolution made for Keezhaallikulam village on Road facility with over bridge for school children and also resolute about Retain as child labor free village, Child marriage nil, Retained as dropout free village in Pillaiyarkulam Panchayat.
3. Ensure the children's education continued to 18 years. Retain as child labor free village, Child marriage nil, Retained as dropout free village and Formation of PLCPC at Mookkaiyoor panchayat.
4. In Mariyoor village panchayat the following resolutions are made Retain as child labor free village, Child marriage nil, Retained as dropout free village.



14. Prevention of child marriage :

The lives of many women have been affected by the effects of dowry system. Especially in our working area some child marriage also held. So Prevent the child marriage and create the awareness on child marriage resolution made in 10 Palmyrah workers village sangam meetings.

15. A study on the status of children in the migrant families of palmyra workers in Ramnad :

A detailed study on Migrated Families and Children in Kadaladi Block, Ramanathapuram district was conducted. As per our plan we had had a details study about the migrated

families who is engaged in Palmyrah tapping in 3 palmyrah groves. 119 migrated families met. In these families 6+6=12 children in the age of 0-5 years, 59+63=122 children in the age of 6-18 and 7+10=17 children identified as Child labor.

And Organized Parents and palmyrah sangam meetings in migrated places and consulted about functions of study report release which was conducted in last year, Finding datas, and Focused Problems.



16. House Visit :

Direct separate individual house visit made by our staff for making awareness on School dropout, Child labor practice and child marriage. Through this meeting relationship created among all family members. All members understood about Child Rights .In this year 12252 families were met.

Impact of this House visit, In Keezhavalasai village, one 3 year child labor reenrolled in school in this year.

17. Educational Welfare Scheme Aailed from labor welfare department :

Scheme	Children	Particulars	Total Amount
10 th Standard	0+23	1000 x 23	23000
10 th Pass	25+16	1000 x 41	41000
11 th Standard	0+18	1000 x 18	18000
12 th Standard	10+8	1500 x 18	22000
12 th Pass	9+14	1500 x 23	34500
Degree	12+35	1500 x 47	705000
Post Graduate	1+3	4000 x 4	16000
BE	9+7	6000 x 16	96000
ME	0	0	0
Polytechnic	4+1	1000 x 5	5000

Total	61+125		326000
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18. Children Committee Cluster Meetings :

All the 52 Children Committees are connected as cluster to promote their leadership quality in broad. There are clusters namely Koravalli, Kilakarai, Uchipulli, Naripaiyur, Kavakulam, Mayakulam, and Tirupullani. In these cluster meetings, they had discussed about the children issues and needs as a cluster. If any issue need cluster level approach it will be discussed.

S.no	Name of the cluster	Date & Place
1	Keezhakarai	26-04-2019 & 29-09-2019 – Sengalaneerodai
2	Mayakulam	21-04-2019– Pudhumayakulam
3	Thirupullani	21-04-2019 – Umaiyan valasai 29-09-2019 – KKK valasai
4	Kavakulam	25-04-2019 – Adancheri
5	Koravalli	19-05-2018 – Vellari odai 08-09-2019 – Kumbaram
6	Uchipuli	25-04-2019 – Puduvalasai 25-06-2019 – Kuyavankudi 12-10-2019 - Kuyavankudi
8	Kannirajapuram	22-04-2019 – Masanapuram 06-10-2019- Kannirajapuram



19. Digital Centre :

On 16-08-2019 Digital centre started at Narippaiyoor Nadar Mahajana Building, but that not convenient to children. So it changed in to Poopandiyapuram village and running with more of children participation. School going children and child labor also got computer education free.



20. Scientific Activity education :

In this year as a event of excellence in the Educational activities, aiming for school children to learn easily, Science activity education conducted in Three Govt Higher secondary schools in Kadaladi, Mandapam and Thirupullani Blocks. This method of Education is very useful" told Teachers and students.



21. New Primary School :

Ensure the 5-10 years children Education in Sengalaneerodai is one of the aim of our organization. Sengalaneerodai village is situated in Kanchirankudi Panchayat and 6km

far from Kilakarai town. The village had 250 population and 52 children, age 3 – 5, but, here is no school. The children have to walk for 12km up and down even primary education. This situation is increasing school dropouts in primary school also. In this regard education task force committee for new primary school to Sengalaneerodai had taken number of steps. Last year, Sengalaneerodai villagers had filed case in Madras high court of Madurai bench on New Primary School and got an order insisted the Government to provide primary school within 8weeks. During this reporting period both the villagers had met with the Registrar of Madras High Court of Madurai bench and submitted memorandum about the New Primary School.



Action taken in this year :

- On 21-06-2019 Petition submitted at Special grievance camp held at District Collector office organized by National Child Protection committee.
- Met Mr.Pravin Yadav, Secretary to Education dept, at Secretariat, Chennai, and submitted the petition for New Primary School for Sengalaneerodai village.



22.Mobile – MIS Training :

Following the MIS training on last year's, upload the compiled details collected from working areas, through Tabs, CRY donate 6 Tabs and datas uploaded.

23.Palmyrah sangam cluster meetings:

To attain development of the Palmyrah workers and their children we formed Palmyra Workers as Panai Thozhilalar Sangam. The Sangam has its function as village level, Cluster level and District level. Every level there is a governing body consists of 1 President, 1 vice president, 1 Secretary, 1 Joint secretary and 1 Treasurer. The village Sangam meets every month and the Cluster Sangam meets once in two months and the District level committee meets yearly once. In this year 5 cluster meetings were conducted.