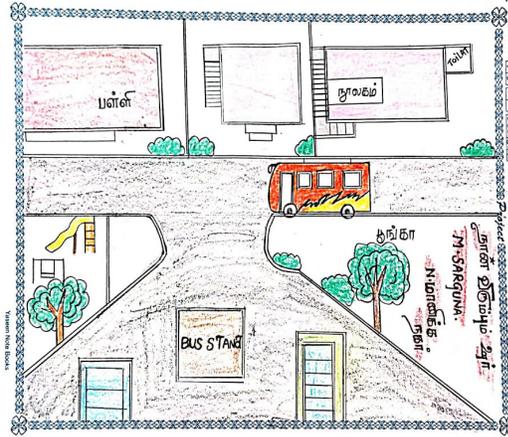


Rural Workers Development Society (RWDS)

Reg : 93/2007

Annual Report



2021-2022

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RURAL WORKERS DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (RWDS)

RAMANATHAPURAM - 623503

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:

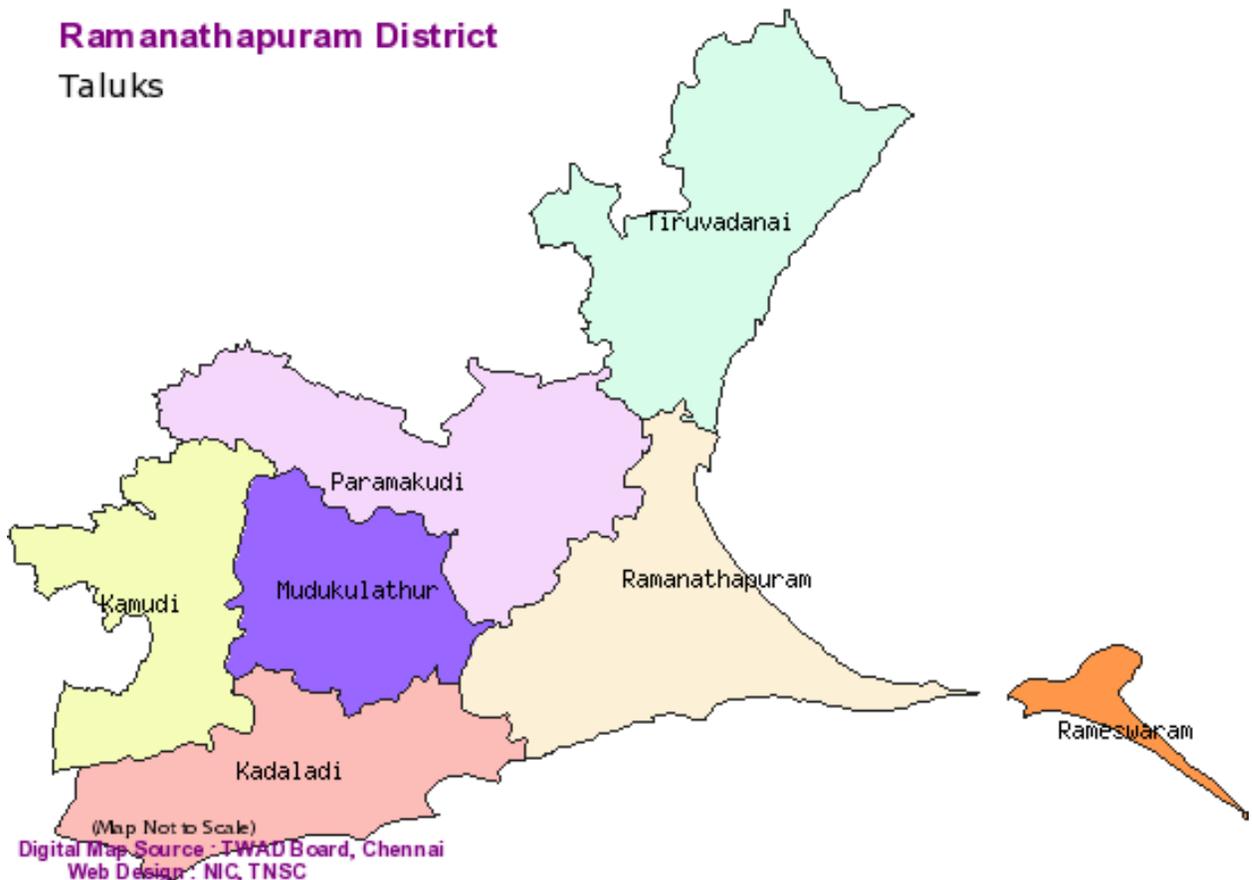
Ramanathapuram is situated along the Eastern coastal District of the Southern Tamilnad. The Bay of Bengal in the east, The Calf of manner in the whole sea shore, Sivagangai, Pudukottai, Virudhunagar, and Tuticorin constitute it boundaries. Spreading over an area of 4232sqkm. This District is divided in to 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 the 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

District Map of Ramanathapuram



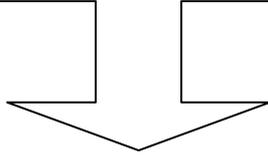
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Mobile	9443783341.
CEO	V.Soundramalathi
Name of the Bank	Indian Overseas Bank - Ramanathapuram Tamilnad Mercantile Bank - Ramanathapuram Karur Vysya Bank – Bharathinagar Branch
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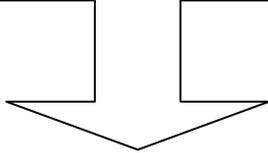
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2	Mrs. V.Soundramalathi	Secretary
3	Mrs.G.Pasupathi	Treasurer
4	Mr.P.Subramanian	Vice President
5	Mr.P.Kannan	Executive Member
6	Mrs.N.Rajamani	Executive Member
7	Mrs.P.Antonyammal	Executive Member
8	Mr.S.Kalimuthu	General Body Member
9	Mr.M.Perumal	General Body Member

Organization Structure

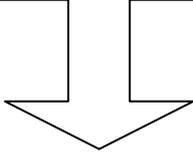
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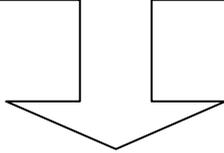
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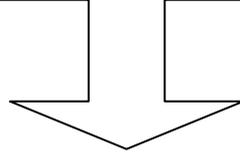
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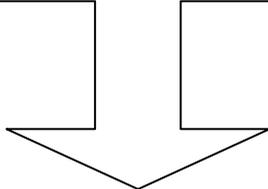
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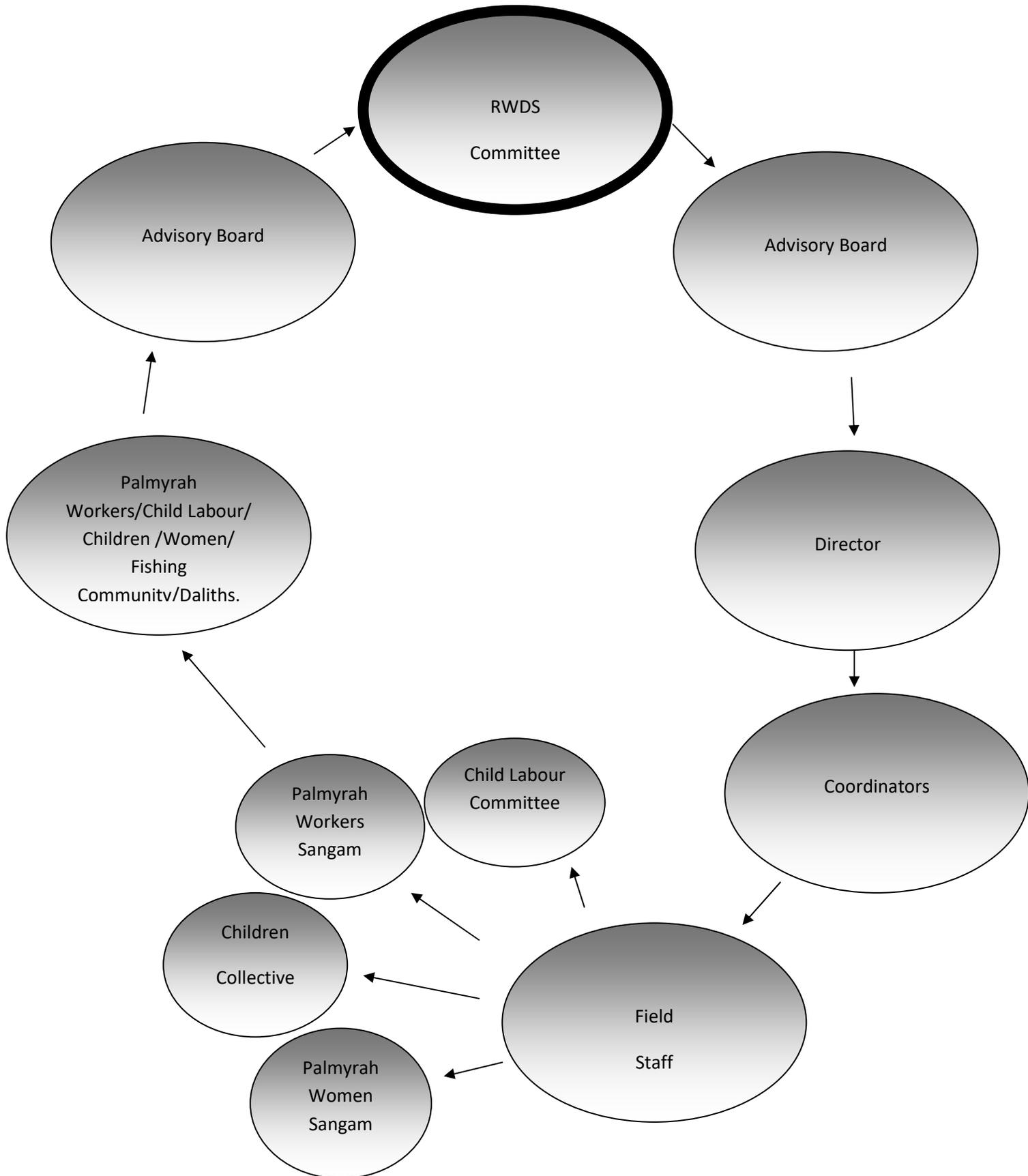
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Community Organizers



ORGANGRAM OF THE RURAL WORKERS DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY



Activity Report 2021-2022

1. Village and Cluster level Sangams

Organized the palmyrah workers 151 village and cluster level sangams and monthly meetings conducted among 3154+7760=10914 in Mandapam, Thiruppullani and Kadaladi Blocks in Ramanathapuram District. Through this meetings add the new members in Sangams and also ID cards are received from welfare boards.

And also receiving the welfare funds like Educational scholarship for children in the amount of Rs.4724000 in about 2362 families, Marriage and Maternal assistance to women, Old age pension through sangams.

Village Sangam in-charges and members also undertake the special monitoring in educational and health activities of children in villages.

- 100% Enrollment of school children
- 232 irregular children regularized their schooling
- 9 Child labor rescued and mainstreaming in school
- Child marriage Prevention
- Govt school retention.



2. Children collective meetings

Children's collective meeting was held to ensure the right of children to participate and to teach them social education. The children's collective meeting is made up of children between the ages of 8 and 18. Children share their school experiences and discuss their needs and problems twice a month. A group is engaged in reading children's books and discussing their ideas. Playing traditional village games together and discussing the needs and problems. In 52 villages, 52 children's collective meetings take place.

This year's child center modules will provide special training for children during the collective meeting to discuss agendas. Life education is designed to promote responsibility, self-identity, self-esteem, child involvement, creative thought, analytical abilities, discussions, developmental status of children, and thinking skills related to gender-based issues. This year, there were $887+1025=1912$ children who participated.

3. Children's Activities during Covid lockdown period :

Children stayed at home during the COVID lockdown period without going to school; they read books and did study-related activities. 10 activities conducted in children's collectives by using locally available materials. Shape-making and planting activities, leaf collection, creating shapes in leaves, making masks, India map drawing, and marking the states and capitals. There were 433 children who received the long-size note book, color pen, crayons, pen, pencil, eraser, and chart from CRY.



4. Guides & Exercise Books provide to 10th and 12th std children :

Classes are taken through online when the children stay at home during the COVID lockdown period without going to school. Vulnerable children didn't take the online classes. So, 30 set of Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, Botony, Computer Science and commerce guides were provided to vulnerable children. And 40 sets of math, English, science, and social science guides are provided to 10th grade children. Children who were academically low used the guides and passed their exams.



5. Adolescent Meetings held at Schools :

On December 4, 7, 13, 2021, a health awareness meeting for adolescent girls was conducted at Kadaladi Panchayath Union Middle School Kavakulam, Thirupullani Union Middle School Lakshmipuram, Mandapam Panchayath Union Middle School Kuyavankudi, and Shanmugavel Nadar Middle School VVR Nagar. In these meetings, advice is given on self-hygiene and healthy living during menstruation. Due to the changes in the hormonal glands, children of this age are attracted to the opposite sex. In this session, it is also discussed how to think and act without deciding whether what friends say is right or not. There were 435 adolescents who took part, and children were made aware through the anganwadi and village health nurse.

6. Adolescent children's group Meetings

In the Palmyra worker villages, there are special events being held for the boys and girls who are between the ages of 11 and 18 years. Provided psychological and physiological education and counseling for adolescents and children. At a young age, children are prone to dropping out of school and becoming child laborers. Counseling is provided to assist them in continuing their education and addressing the challenges and dangers of children going to work. Advice on how to cleanse your body and live a healthy life is given. In 23 collectives this year, 748 children participated in similar activities. There were 193 meetings that took place.



7. Evening Class for Vulnerable Children

Evening Education was organized for children from 9th to 12th class who are from vulnerable families in the villages of 6 (Kannigapuri, Boopandiyapuram, Alaikathavalasai, Maruthanthoppu Nathakulam, vellapatty) in our working places in order to solve the doubts related to the subject during the Corona period for the children and to understand and learn the maths and English lessons easily. $132 + 173 = 305$ children have benefited from this year.

8. Bridge centers :

In the past two years, during the corona period, children from 8th to 12th standard have forgotten all the subjects. So they were forced to drop out of

schools and become child laborers. From August 2021, CRY organized the Bridge centers, while the schools are closed, the children from 6th to 12th standard should solve the doubts related to their school work like handle Tamil, Math and English subjects easily, Bridge centres organized 9 villages in Kadaladi Block, 3 villages in Thirupullani Block and 3 villages in Mandapam Block. In Periyanaayakipuram, Poopandiyapuram, Kavakulam, Pullanthai and Koravalli village got Bridge center opportunities.

Cry provide 5 Taps for using Dhiksha App for simplifying learning terms to academically low children and training to Bridge staff on Basic Math and English pronounce methods



9. National Girl children Day festival

To ensure the girl children's participation and they achieved their aims by persistence with participating in Sports and Education. Appreciating them in order to bring out their talents on National Girl child Day at Kadaladi and Thirupullani Panchayath Union office an event was held to appreciate the women achiever in our working villages. In this Program Panchayath Union Commissioner, officers, CDPO, Parents and RWDS staff took participate and Praised the Women Achievers.



10. School Management Committee meeting :

We are working with the aim of fully ensuring the primary education of children and the Right to Free Compulsory Education Act 2009. Following this the school management team is participating in SMC meetings with the participation of trained parents and cadres. This year we took participate in reconstruction of smc meeting held in our working villages of Kuyavankudi, Thothamahanwadi, Kavakulam, and Poopandiyapuram, and made resolution on compound wall for School, class rooms, protected drinking water, toilet facilities with and seprately for male and female, appointment of subject wise teachers, monitoring the

continuous school going and quality of education. According to this resolution, a compound wall was constructed for Panchayat Union Primary school – Thothamahanwadi. And during the corona period 1026 Primary school children and 718 Middle school children are benefitted through getting noon meals.

11. Cultural events of Children :

Every year, Children's day is celebrated in children collectives of 52 villages. Following this, with the aim of exposing the talents of children who are from the Palmyrah worker's community, cultural festivals are arranged in 52 villages of Mandapam, Thirupullani and Kadaladi blocks. Children made their letters, essays and drawings in the head of "Children's dream about My School, My village and My Home. There were 593 children who took participation.

12. Children's day Celebration :

Children's day celebration at village community hall of Koravalli, Methalodai and Vettukadu, these villages are in the block of Mandapam, Thirupullani and Kadaladi. In this celebration BDO, CDPO, (Naripaiyur, Methalodai and Koravalli PP) Panchayat president, Palmyrah Sangam members and parents totally 350 members participated.

Collected the drawing, letter and essays of 593 children, then prepared a notebook, then it was given to district collector, educational officer and panchayat union officer.

13. Life skill Training to Adolescent girls and Sangam members :

On 25th & 26th December 2021 Life skill Training to Adolescent girls and Sangam members conducted at community halls in Koravalli, Methalodai and Narippaiyur villages from Mandapam, Thirupullani and Kadaladi Blocks. During corona period many more problems faced like unavailability of necessary things, Deaths due to corona, many of Child marriages held. As they did not go to work during that period, he was unable to buy the things that the children asked for, also unable to purchase smartphone's for purpose of online classes and they struggled to unable to pay interest for loan which getting during the lockdown period. Thus, various views were shared by parents and children in the group discussion. After sharing in the group discussion, the children painted and participated in games to expose their mood. Consulted about the psychological effects of children during the Corona period, how the mood of children changed after the start of schools, self-identity, self-responsibility, attitudes towards children for parents. Training was conducted on the topics of how to identify problems and solve them. There were 162 children, and 76 parents took part.



14. Activate the Anganwadi Centers :

Nutrition and health care of 0–5 year old children, pregnant women, feeding mothers and adolescent girls, and ensuring the early childhood education of 3-5 year old children. In our working area, there were 34 anganwadies available out of 52 villages. Impact of continuous effort: this year, parent’s monitoring was ensured in 15 anganwadi centers, and the arrival of children increased in anganwadi centers. And by using a child development chart, we ensured that the two children identified as having severe malnutrition were at a normal stage. 4+3=7 children admitted to anganwadi centers from private nursery schools.



15. END COVID PROGRAM

END COVID PROGRAM held with the support of SUNTV and CRY at Thirupullani Upgraded Govt Primary health Centre and Govt Primary health Centre – Periyapattinam with presiding over of Dr.Syed Rasiqdeen and Dr. Logesh, Kadaladi Upgraded Govt Primary health Centre – Sayalkudi and Mandapam Upgraded Govt Primary health Centre – Thamaraikulam. District level program held On 09-03-2022, Govt Hospital at Ramanathapuram district, with preside over of Dr.Alli and Dr.Krishnamoorthi, in this programme 3 layer mask 3555, N95 mask 100> Gloves 714, Pulse Oximeter 2, Battery for Oximeter 4, Sanitizer 5 litter 1, Dustbin 1 and waste cover 30, Sticker and IEC materials 500 k materials provided to 5 PHCs and Oxygen concentrator 6, 3 layer mask 7114> N95 mask 200, Gloves 1446> Pulse Oximeter 8, Battery for Oximeter 16, Sanitizer 5 litter 2, Dustbin 5 and waste cover 50, Sticker and IEC materials 1000 provided to GH.

16. Parents meeting at Migrant Palm Groves :

There is no electricity facility in migrant areas, children using kerosene lamps for study and other works. They living in unsafety situation in Palm groves with poisonous insects. For safeguarding the 0-5 year children on 17-03-2022, Parents meeting was organized at kadugusanthai sathiram palm groves, 4 parents took part.

17. Child labor meeting :

Preventing child labour and reintegrating them into school is one of the main goals of our organization. This year 246 full-time child labourers have been identified in our workplace villages. It is noteworthy that 85% of them belong to the kadalady Union. We have set up child labour groups (CLCs) in workplace villages. Child labour groups are functioning well in 9 villages in the Kadalady area. These groups meet once a month to discuss various matters. Through this group activity, child labourers are given the opportunity to realize that they are a child. Children of her age share problems, desires and needs that cannot be shared with others and learn about book reading, labour welfare and safety. 27 meetings have been held this year in which 9 + 24 = 33 boys and girl children have participated and benefited. 120 children have been provided with drawing set soap. As a result of the children's participation in child labour group meetings, 22 children continue their education and are very interested in their siblings' studies.

18. Child Labour Parent Group:

RWDS takes a variety of measures to prevent child labour. As part of that we have formed a team of child labour parents. This group helps parents and children to have a great understanding Causing and to improve their relationship with their parents. In this year villages of 1. Keelavalasai, 2. Kannikapuri, 3. N. Kamarajapuram, 4. Manikkanagar, 5. Poopandiyapuram, 6. Keelaallikulam, 7. Vellapatti, 8. Kannirapuram, 9. V.V.R. Nagar, 10. Gandhinagar, 11. Thavukadu and 12. Alaikathavalasai a group of parents of child labourers was formed and a meeting was held once a month. At the meeting it was suggested that we should set aside time for the children and come before them to share details of where they work. 8 + 134 = 142 parents are had attend this meeting.

19. Appreciate the doctors and front-line workers :

On January 25, 2022, in Melakidaram and Thiruppullani, and on January 27, 2022, in Sayakudi, Narippaiyur, and Periyapattinam PHC's, a meeting was held to appreciate the doctors and front-line workers who created awareness among the people during the coronavirus lockdown that getting vaccinated can protect us and those around us from getting infected. In this meeting, doctors, nurses, front-line workers, VHNs, Asha, and Anganwadi workers—a total of 165 members—took part. Dry fruits such as raisins, dates, bista, and padha provide them with financial support from CRY.

20.Cultural awareness on Corona vaccination

Cultural awareness on Corona vaccination was held from March 12 to March 19, 2022, in 21 villages across three blocks. Awareness was created on COVID, child protection, the Child Labor Prevention and Prohibition Act (1986), the Protection of Children from Child Sexual Offenses (2012), the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (2006), and the Compulsory and Free Education Act (2009). Panchayath President, Members, Village Responsibilities, Sangam Responsibilities, Youths, Parents, AWW, VHN, and Children, including a total of 2340 members, took part.

21. Covid Awareness meeting :

To protect us from the third wave of Corona, the security team was formed and is working well. with a combined Corona support group and vaccination consultant, Impact of awareness-raising to overcome the fear of vaccination, people got both vaccinations. In 52 villages, more than 1200 people were vaccinated through COVID consultants.

22.Taking steps to get new building for school and Anganwadi

On December 27, 2021, a petition was sent to the district collector for a new building for a new primary school in Sengalaneerodai village. On 2-2-2022, a petition was sent to members of the legislative assembly, and on 14-2-2022, a petition was sent to the CM's special cell for a new building for Kadaladi Panchayath Union Primary School – Kannigapuri and a new building for Anganwadi in the same village. Sangam members and children collective members also sent petitions to the district collector.

23.Prevention of Child marriage

Impact of practicing dowry, many of the women's life affected. On 19-8-2021 one child marriage stopped at S.Kamarajapuram village.

24. Provide health Kit

A COVID precaution team was formed and executed in 52 villages to protect themselves and their children from Corona, AWW, Asha workers, Sangam members, children, and parents. For the precautionary steps of COVID, a kit included the mask (10). Soap, PP meter, temperature gauge, and pulse meter were provided by Cry. In 52 villages, Sangam members checked the PP in sangam meetings and found the people who had high blood pressure and referred them to the doctor.

25.COVID relief materials are provided to Palmyrah workers who migrated to palm groves

Palmyrah workers who migrated to palm groves, in a situation of distressed COVID, couldn't purchase groceries and children's materials. On June 10, 2021, the RWDS organization provided 15 types of food materials to 30 families. Palmyrah workers felt very happy and comforted.

26. Study materials provided to Single parent's Children

Study materials provided to Single parent's children in our working villages. Materials of 100 Bags, 708 Long size notes, 708 King size note, Geometric Box, 118 pouch, Pen, Pencil and Eraser set 118 provided to 100 children. All received and benefitted.

27.Refresh Training to Staff

On September 14, 2021, refresh training for our staff held at the RWDS office premises. Mr.Arivazhagan Rayan and Christuraj trained the staff. During this training, we talked about the study report preparation team. 2. Communication and Development Team 3. Life skills training for the Booklet designer team. It was also decided to take action on the topic.

28.Grama Sabha meetings

After the COVID period, Grama Sabha meetings held at all Panchayaths on 02-10-2021. 1. Resolution passed at Pudumadam panchayath for New anganwadi for Ammapattinam village. 2. Add the Ayyanarpuram village in the Vannangundu Panchayath as one habitation of this panchayath. 3 New anganwadi building for Kannigapuri village in Mookkaiyur panchayath. 4. New school building for Govt primary school – Sengalaneerodai. And all panchayat passed the resolution on child labor free, child marriage free and drop out free panchayats.

29. House visit

With the the aim of creating more awareness about school drop out of children, child labor practice and child marriage among the parents, oru staff meet them directly at their homes individually. In this there is a possibility of close relationship with everyone in a family. This has made everyone understand about the rights of children. It is mentioned that we have met 12252 families this year

30. Computer Center activities

During the COVID lockdown period, 12+13=25 children went to the computer center and learned computers in Manickanagar village. Child laborers are also interested in learning computers there. Children ensured their participation through drawing, essay-writing, and other activities. And K Yan and Computer Center are set up in Manickanagar village. Through this, children got the basic knowledge of computers and knew how to study easily through computers. Children also use the evening class that is held in the village to clear their subject-oriented doubts.

31. Palm seed planting festival

For the past 6 years, 10,000 palmseed planting festivals have been conducted every year. In the course of this year, 5000 palmseeds were planted on October 8, 2021, at Thirupullani Block, Kalimangundu Anchaneyarpuram seashore area. Ramanathapuram Samasthanam, Tmt. Rani Lakumi Kumaran Sethupathi, participated as a special guest. In the presence of Tmt. Valli Karuppaiya, President, Kalimangundu Panchayat, Mrs. G. Megala, Block Development Officer (V.P.) Thirupullani Block, inauguration of the program, Mr. A.M. Amarlal, Assistant Director, Agricultural Department, Tmt. V. Soundramalathi, Secretary, RWDS, Ramanathapuram, Tmt. Thamayanthimanivannan, Managing Trustee, Yogam Trust Madurai, Tmt.Chitrakumarinambi, Secretary, Suthesi Palm Research Center, Killai, Chidambaram, a congratulatory message was given. Mrs. K. Bagyalakshmi, RWDS, Ramanathapuram, thanked everyone.

32. Information Management system

In the course of training held last year on MIS, this year data were fed by using 6 tabs; there were 2362 families, 4188 children, 34 Anganwadi, 37 schools, 52 villages, and 3807 child labor, dropout and retention forms completed.**Achievements:**

- 4+2=6 Children enrolled in a nearby school at a migrant place.
- 232 dropout children reenrolled in school.
- 9 child laborers were removed from work and mainstreamed in school.
- Three teacher vacancies were filled in Mandapam Union Primary School (Nathakulam) and Thirupullani Union Primary School (Sengalaneerodai).
- 1147 adolescent girls got iron tablets and benefited.
- 23+147=170 parents and 72 sangam members join the school management committee.
- 484 children benefited from Bridge class.
- 38500/- were received as educational welfare funds from the Palmrah Welfare Board for 26 children.
- This year, 5 new members and 185 old members got old-age pensions.
- 2362 families got Rs. 2000 as COVID relief fund. Total, they received Rs. 4,72,4000/-.
- Water Bound Macadam Road was laid for Ayyanarpuram village in the amount of Rs. 4877000/-. 163+ 180 = 343 people benefited from this road.

- The compound wall of Rs. 398,000 got to Kadaladi Union Primary School, Thothamahanwadi. 21 children's protection was ensured.
- Two children who lost their parents due to COVID got Rs. 7,00,000 from the state and central governments.