

RURAL WORKERS DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (RWDS) ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT



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NAGAR, RAMANATHAPURAM



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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, Thiruvadanaï, 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 :

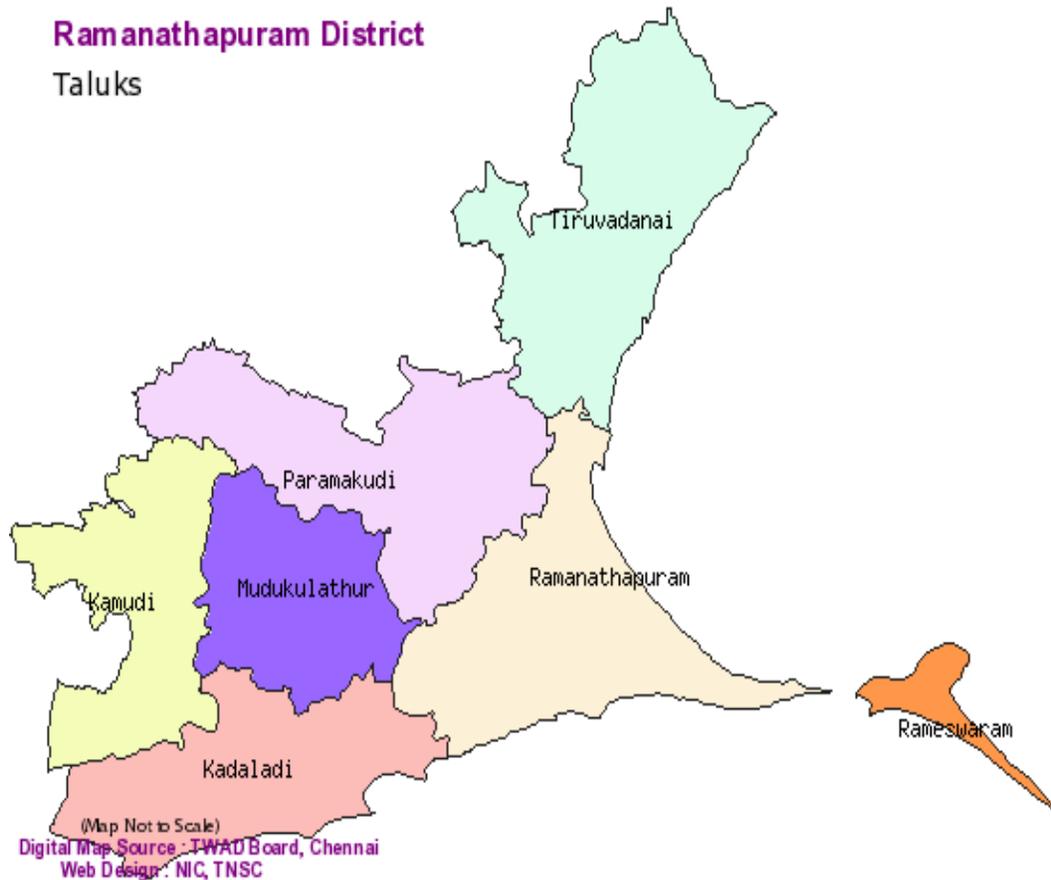
- To mobilize and federate the Palmyrah workers irrespective of caste, creed or religion to organize for their livelihood issues.
- To make them understand their condition and motivate them to participate in their development through awareness generation.
- To improve their bargaining power and to link 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 4232sq⁷km. 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



Organisation Information

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	Tamilnadu Mercantile bank Ramanathapuram
	Karur Vysya Bank, Barathinagar Branch
PAN Number	AAAAR6899M
FCRA Number	075990100
12 AA Registration Number	C.NO.101/179/CIT-II/2008-09
80 G Registration Number	C.No.102/179/CIT-II/2008-09
TAN Registration Number	MRIR02580E
UNIQUE ID:	TN/2017/0165744

Excutive Commity Members Details

S.no	Name	Position
1	D.R. Chandran	President
2.	P.Subramani	Vice President
3.	V.soundramalathi	Secretary
4	G.Pasupathy	Treasurer
5	P.Kannan	EC Member
6	N.Rajamani	EC Member
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8	M.Kalimuthu	GB Member
9	M.Perumal	GB Member
10	A.Basheera parveen	GB Member
11	R.Kalimuthu	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 Meeting:

Resolutions were passed on the up gradation and marketing of palm products as value-added products, anti-child labour and prevention of child labour in the palm workers' sangam in RWDS working coverage villages. Resolutions were passed this year with the participated of $3124 + 7713 = 10445$ members in 151 Village sangams. This year the school have been re-enrolled the dropout child and 7 child labourers through the excellent work of the members of the sangam.



2. Children's collective meetings:

Children collective meeting held in ensure the right to children participate and to teach them social education. Each children collective meeting has a membership of children between the ages of 8 and 18 in the 52 villages. Twice a month in this children share their school experiences and discuss their needs and problems. There is also a group reading of children's books and discussing its ideas. Playing traditional village games as a group and talking about general topics also takes place. There are 52 children's collective meetings in 52 villages.



This year's child centre modules special training in children collective meeting discuss agendas- Life Education - Self-Responsibility, Self-Identity, Self-Esteem, Child Participation, Creative Thoughts, Analytical skill and Discussions, Child Developmental Status, Gender based Issue thinking skill, and factors affecting children training was provided on awareness stated . During the Corona curfew,

453 children participated in 11 weeks of activities provided by CRY in children's collective meeting and sent out creative activities doing. Masks have been provide and use that the 4329 children.



3. Adolescents Children's Group Meetings:

Special gatherings are being organized for the boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 18 years in the Palmyra worker villages. Provided psychological and physiological education and counselling for adolescents children. It is at a young age that children drop out of school and become child labour. Therefore, counselling is provided for them to continue their education and for the difficulty and danger of children going to work place. Advice on body cleansing and healthy living is provided. Thus, gatherings have been organized in 11 villages. It is attended by 35 child labourers. Through this they have become aware of the importance of education and how to protect one and the dangers of when children go out to work during the Corona period.



4. Adolescents Girl Child Group Meetings:

Special gatherings are being organized for the girl children between the ages of 11 and 18 years in the palmyrah worker villages. Provided psychological and physiological education and counselled for adolescent children. Hygiene, hormonal glands, physiological and psychological changes in adult female children Suggestion was provided regarding. This year it was held in 11 villages in Gandhinagar, Melakidaram, Kannigapuri, Kamarajapuram, Methalodai, Pudumayakulam, Boopandiyapuram, Manickanagar, Adanchery, Alaikathavalasai, and Ammapattinam. 232 girl children participated and learned about self-esteem, self-responsibility and self-empathy.



5. Evening time Education:

Evening Education conducted was organized for childrens from 9th to 12th class 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 understood and learn the maths and English lessons easily. $129 + 163 = 292$ children have benefited from this year.



6. Consultation Meetings at Anganwadi Canters:

We campaign every year to enrol all children in government schools. In particular, a campaign was carried out in 15 villages in our workplace to enrolled children over 3 years of age in the Anganwadi Centre. The campaign raised awareness among parents and the general public about With mental delight desired friendly have AnganWadi Centres and importance of pre-primary education and the benefits of supplementary -feeding available at the Anganwadi for pregnant and lactating mothers and adolescents children. It was attended by palmyrah workers sangam representatives and members panchayat and village's representatives, and Anganwadi workers and helpers members of the cadres volunteer. Above 300 members these events participated.



7. School Development Committee Meetings:

We continue to work to compel them to fully implement the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 with a view to ensuring primary education for children. Following this we have been working with school management team trained parents and activists to attend school management committee meetings. Attend school management committee meetings at Thothanmakanwadi, Kavakulam and Poopandiyapuram schools in our workplace villages this year. Toilet facility has been provided at Kataladi Panchayat Union Primary School in Manickanagar village.

8. Children's Day program:

Children's Day celebrations are held every year in 52 villages. Following this during the Korana period Kannikapuri, Sengalaneerodai, Alaivaikkaravadi, Poopandiyapuram, Keela allikkulam, Veppamarathupanai, Periyanyakipuram, Nathakulam, Alaikathavalasai, Koravalli, Kumbaram Vellariodai, Methalodai North, K.P.valasai the children day was celebrated in 14 villages. More than five hundred children attended. The children displayed their talents through art shows, poems and

songs to motivate the children. The children complimented everyone by giving them sweet presents.



9. Implementation of Anganwadi Centers:

Various measures are being taken to ensure nutrition, health care and early education of children aged 0-5 years, pregnant, lactating mothers and adolescents between 3 and 5 years of age. The Anganwadi Centre is located in 34 of the 52 villages where we work. The infrastructure and functions of the Anganwadi Centres are in a very poor condition they rectify that, this year had been had been Mandapam Union select 15 places for Alaikathavalasai, Kuyavankudi Koravalli, Kumbaram Vellaridai, Nathakulam, Thirupullani Union, Methalodai North, sengalaneerodai and Thothanmakanwadi, Gandhinagar, Kavakulam, Melackidaram, Poopandiyapuram, Perianayakipuram and Kamarajapuram centres in the Kadalady Union. 31 types of teaching aids were provided to enhance the learning ability, of syllabus based drawing and teachers were also provided training with the help of cry organisation and encouraged to perform better through parental supervision. As a result of the ongoing initiative this year, parental surveillance has now been ensured in the Anganwadi in 15 villages. As a result the number of children coming to the centre has increased. A Child Development Guide was also having provided to diagnose underweight children. In 52 villages to ensure the education of girl children Awareness meetings were held. About 4300 people attended and benefited.



10. Child Labour Committee Meeting:

Preventing child labour and reintegrating them into school is one of the main goals of our organization. This year 165 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, 5 children continue their education and are very interested in their siblings' studies.



11. 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. Kannirajapuram, 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.



12. Panchayath Level Child Protection Committee Meeting:

Panchayat level Child Protection Committee meeting has come into operation on 1-3-2021 in 2 Panchayats of Vellariodai and Koravalli this year. It was attended by VAO, Panchayat Secretaries, Police, School Headmasters, Village Health Nurses, Anganwadi Teachers, Parents, sangam cadets, Women Committee Members and School Children Members. Put up a notice board ', discussed the POCSO Act.13.Taking action to get a new building for the school and the Anganwadi. The Kataladi Panchayat Union Primary School building and the Anganwadi building in Kannikapuri are in a very bad condition. The children of Kannikapuri village children's council have submitted a petition to the District Collector on 4-1-2021 to get a new building for it.

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14. Prevention of child marriage:

The lives of many women have been affected by the ill effects of dowry. A female marriage was stopped in Kavakulam village in the workplace villages.

15. Providing health kits to children:

Provided have been the Shampoo 4000 Himalaya Toothpaste Mask-4800 Sanitizer 2500 from CRY Single Parents families, Anganwadi Workers, Asha workers, sangam Members Single Parents. To Protect themselves (Children) From Corona Infection.



16. House visit Meet:

Our staffs meet parents directly at home with the aim of raising awareness about school breaks, child labour and child marriage. This includes the possibility of a close relationship with everyone in the family. This has created an understanding for all about the rights of children. It is noteworthy that we have met 12252 families this year. We go to door-to-door with parents and children to raise awareness about child labour, child marriage and school dropout. Friendships are formed with all members of the family. Understandings related to children's rights have been established. We have met 12252 families directly in this event.



17. Raise awareness to ensure the global position of education for all up to the age of 18 (especially for girls).

In the Ramanathapuram Aishwarya meeting Hall was held on 11-3-2021 on (especially for girl child) to ensure the global position of educated for all up to the age of 18 raising awareness. working for children such as the Child Welfare Committee, Youth Justice Group, CACL Convener Tamil Nadu Science Movement, Tamil Nadu Primary School Teachers Association Officers, Girl Child State Union Trade Union

Officers, Coordinating Movement, It was attended by more than 50 people participated from organizations.



18. Get the New primary school:

Ensuring the primary education of children between the ages of 5 and 10 in the village of New Primary School in sengalaneerodai village is one of the most important objectives of our organization. Chengalanierodai village is located in the Kanchirangudi panchayat, near the lower town. The village has a total population of 250 and 52 children aged 3 to 5 years. Due to the lack of primary school , the children have to move 12 km the distance. The has to be walked because the bus facility this village is not provided by the school for 5-10 year old children further increasing.

The Education Committee comprise village representatives have been taking various measures regarding these issues for the last ten years. The villagers of sengalaneerodai in particular have filed a case in the Madurai branch of the Madras High Court and obtained a High Court order to get a new primary school. As a result of 10 years of continuous struggle for the village of sengalaneerodai, a new primary school has been made available this year and 17 children are benefiting from studying locally.



19. Computer Centre:

The computer centres at Poopandiyapuram village during the Korana curfew and learn computer 12 + 13 = 25 children go to education for free. Child labourers also eagerly have gone and learnt computer education.

20. Tab - Information Management Program:

As a follow-up to the training on last year's Information Management Program, all staffs required to upload over the field information via mobile on 6 (Tabs) to 2382 families, 4188 children, 34 Anganwadis, 38 schools, 52 villages, 3807 child labourers form and Retention forms have been completed.

Director other activities in which they participated

10.06.2020 - Madurai Kadar Rural Industries Commission Director met with them and presented documents related to palm jakkari production.

20.01.2021- by Social Action Movement Company in Trichy. SSS Attended a FCRA related meeting held in the meeting TMSSS hall.

From 12.02.2021 to 14.02.2021 she participated in three day training on income earning for women conducted by the Rights sharing Organization in Pudukkottai.

Attend the State Level Meeting on the Right to Education Act for Girls up to the age of 18 held at Sabari Hotel, Chennai from 17.03.2021 to 18.

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