

## The Director Desk

### **Success is a vehicle which moves on a wheel called hard work-(inspirational quotes)**

It is my privilege and pleasure to present the Annual Report of **ARUWYE** for the year 2021-2022. Annual Report will serve as a mirror reflecting the various achievements, aspirations and new initiatives of the organization. Honest communication & practices that establish trust in the stakeholders have been the hallmark of the centre. The Annual Report of this year has a new look and it presents information in accordance with the promise we made last year to focus more clearly on the priority areas. This year the vision of the organization is to be seen as a source of global repute in child rights, child protection and child development. ARUWYE was able to focus and take a stand for welfare of the unorganized workers through linkages with the different schemes that had enabled the poor and the vulnerable for their better future.

All the work accomplished is not by the individual, it is the hard work and efforts made by each staff of **ARUWYE**. I extend my sincere thanks to my provincial Rev Sr Nirmala Lazar and all her councillors for their continuous support and blessings.

My heartfelt gratitude to all funding agencies lay collaborators, benefactors for their mighty contribution to make it a reality. May we all journey together to work for the least and lost and bring about a transformation in the society.



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## About ARUWYE

**Auxilium Centre for Rural Under-Privileged Women and Youth Empowerment** Social Development Centre is a non-governmental, non-profit voluntary organization, which is engaged in social activities registered under Societies Registration Act, with a main objective to improve the quality of life of the underprivileged and marginalized people.

We are determined to replace their despair with hope, their fear with security, and their ignorance with knowledge. ARUWYE is working among the underprivileged women, youth and children in five districts of Tamil Nadu. The change created has to be structural, both at larger policy and community levels at the same time should resonate from personal opinions, belief systems and choices made by the concerned people in their lives.

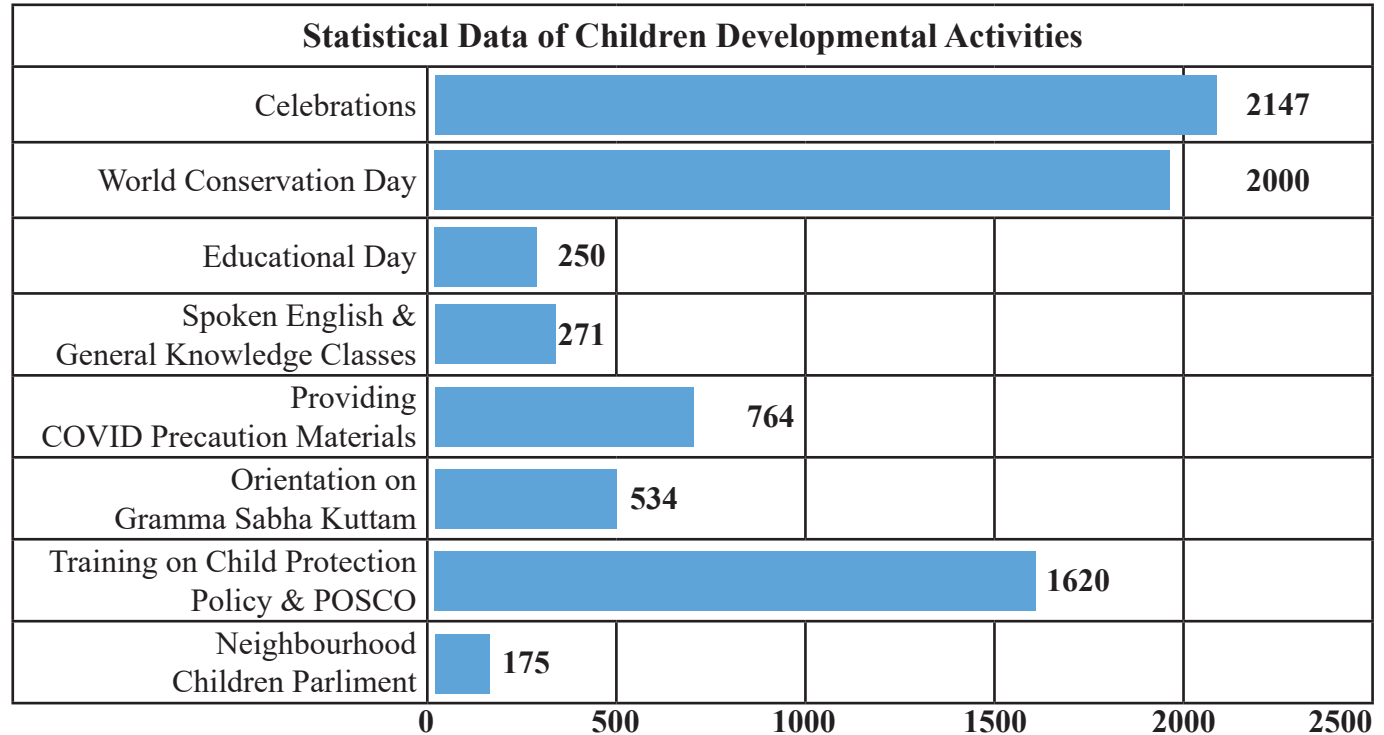
ARUWYE is engaged in promoting and providing quality education among the socially and economically deprived sections of the society. In addition, this activity helps us to bring out children's latent talents, promote vocational proficiency, personal character and social values so that they become self-reliant and responsible citizens. We aim to strengthen responsible people's engagement with policy-making at local and regional level.

## Vision

**ARUWYE** envisages a just, harmonious and eco-friendly society where the internal and sustainable development of those marginalized is ensured.

## Mission

**ARUWYE** is committed to enhance the capability of marginalized children, women and youth by raising awareness on their rights and promoting livelihood by pro-actively engaging with state institutions that impact them significantly and networking with like-minded organizations involved in lobbying and advocacy.



## 1. Children Developmental Activities

### 1.1. Neighbourhood Children Parliament

The Neighbourhood Children Parliament ensures that all children are included and brought together as they are territorially organized. As such the formation of NCP body for neighbouring children ensures inclusive coverage of all the children whose rights need to be protected. No child will go unnoticed in such a small-sized forum. Every child gets attention, care, support and scope for participation. The children themselves can have their own monitoring and tracking system, their own safety-nets to guard themselves



#### 1.1.1. Formation of Children Parliament



The Children Parliament centre for children below the age of 15 years, of neighbourhood of about 12 - 15 members. Children's Parliament gives a chance to speak for the children, by the children and of the children. It serves as a platform for the children to develop leadership skills, confidence, team spirit, analytical skills and maturity. This year we have formed 8 children parliament in 3 districts of Tamil Nadu.

### 1.1.2. Training on Children Parliament

The Children's Parliament training teaches democracy and citizenry skills to children while giving them an official forum to voice their own concerns and solutions to local and global issues. The aim of the training is to inform children about political processes and get them involved in their schools and communities. Children learnt ways of decisions that are made and became responsible for making some decisions themselves. Through the Children's Parliament program, children organize a variety of social and educational activities in their SESC such as health, environmental activities or multicultural events. The training helps children learn about their rights and responsibilities as citizens of the society.



### 1.2. Training on Child Protection Policy & POSCO



coordinates with district and state level authorities to ensure right implementation of laws so that children in the area are safeguarded.

Every year children, staffs, parents, lay collaborator and internship students (1500) are given training on child protection policy and POSCO to make them aware that the children around them are safe and secured. ARUWYE establishes Child Protection Committee, bringing together duty bearers collectively work towards solutions to uphold child rights, preventing cases of child marriage, child trafficking, child abuse and child labour. It navigates map out-of-school children and those who are involved in child labour to schools through enrolment drives. It also



### 1.3. Orientation on Gramma Sabha Kuttam

A new initiative has been undertaken to orient children on Gramma Sabha Kuttam. More than 500 children from four districts of Tamil Nadu were explained about the review of the existing acts, rules, guidelines, notifications and circulars indicates that lot of powers and functions are vested with the Local Self Governments for the protection and conservation of the villages. The Government have ordered to conduct Grama Sabha meetings, a minimum of four time a year that is on 26th January, 1st May, 15th August & 2nd October. Apart from these, there are many other regulations and statues, which indirectly requiring the Local Self Government to act upon by circulars and notices.



### 1.4. Providing COVID Precaution Materials



During the pandemic, children were provided COVID precaution materials in four districts of Tamil Nadu more than 750 children were benefited from the kit provided. The Children were given Mask, Sanitizer, Washing Soap, Bathing Soap and Snacks. While distributing children were given a knowledge to safeguard themselves



## 1.5. Spoken English & General Knowledge Classes

During lockdown schools are being closed, especially in rural villages children could not attend the online classes because of poor network connectivity as well as lack of technical gadgets. Therefore, ARUWYE planned to educate them on Spoken English & General Knowledge. The volunteers were hired and the recorded videos are shared through the platform of social media. Those recorded videos were sent to SESC staffs and educated the children.



## 1.6. Educational Camp



Educational camp was conducted for children about four days, in two districts at Thiruvallur and Thiruvannamalai. 250 children participated in the camp. The children were taught about basic drawings. Basic Rules that includes handling pencil, flexible & inflexible, shading, dots, horizontal line & vertical line, circle, box, different types of leaves, different type of flowers and different type of buildings. They were also taught about child rights from UNCRC that includes right to survival, right to development, right to protection and right to participation. Children were taught about usage of library and set up of library. They were also taught about the memory power, connectivity and different traditional games. Street theatre and mime includes story creation, mirror reflection, expression, postures, situational presentation, dress code and painting sense. at the end of the session children were taught about the structure of the parliament. Food, gifts and certificates were distributed to all participants.

### 1.7. World Conservation Day

Concerning World Conservation Day the SESC children planted trees in their supplementary evening study centre. More than, 2000 trees were planted. Each child taken an incharge of safeguarding two to three trees.



### 1.8. Supplementary Evening Study Centre - Monitoring Visit

It is the medium by which all findings identified at monitoring visits, and the status of findings from previous monitoring visits, are documented. Because of COVID 19, we could not visit some the SESC's previous year, but this year we have visited most of centers and came to know about their status and planned the steps to take forward in upcoming years.



## 1.9. Celebrations

The celebration is an act or circumstance of enjoying oneself because some positive has occurred, considered as special particular day. The identical mode of ARUWYE has different celebrations during the year 2021 - 2022



### 1.9.1. Children's Day

Children's Day, celebrated on November 14, is recognized across India to increase awareness of the rights, care and education of children. The day honors the children in our lives by slows down our fast-paced lives, turning off the tech, and refocusing on the important things. To motivate them, different competitions were conducted in 6 districts of Tamil Nadu. More than 1000 children participated in the celebration. Children were given certificates and gifts.



### 1.9.2. Christmas Celebration

Christmas celebration includes spending time with the family, decorating the entire house with christmas ornaments. Spending Christmas time with the family is very essential one. In the same way Christmas celebration has undertaken among under-privileged children in the rural village at different districts of Tamil Nadu. More than 500 children participated in the celebration and distributed gifts and sweets.

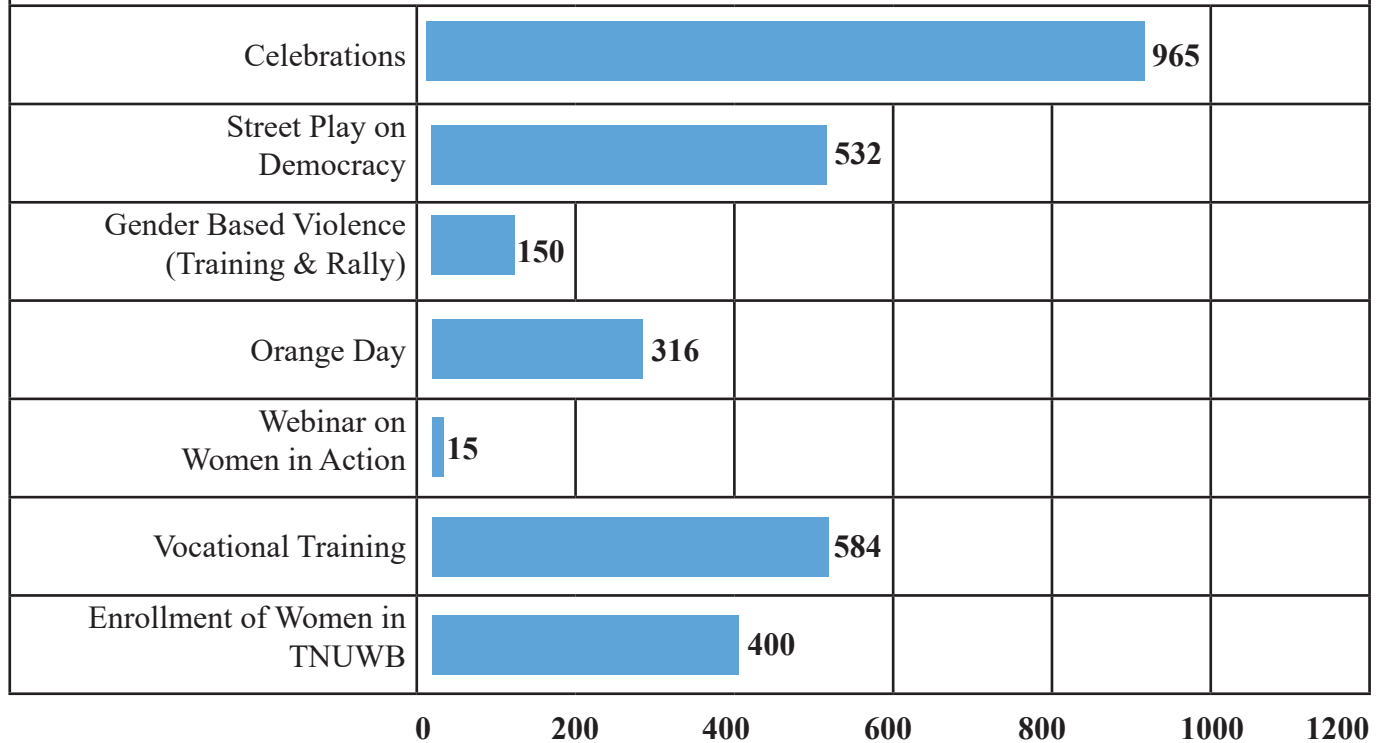


### 1.9.3. Pongal Festival



Pongal is a harvest festival celebrated by the Tamil community. It is a celebration to thank the Sun, Mother Nature and the various farm animals that help to contribute to a bountiful harvest. Celebrated over four days, Pongal also marks the beginning of the Tamil month called Thai, which is considered an auspicious month. This year ARUWYE celebrated the Pongal Festival among the children at the rural villages in Tamil Nadu. More than 500 children participated and enjoyed in the festival.

### Statistical Data of Women Developmental Activities





## 2. Women Developmental Activities

### 2.1. Enrollment of Women in TNUWB - Id Card

Self Help Group members were enrolled in Tamil Nadu Unorganized Welfare Board online portal for Welfare schemes as well as providing Id Card across Chennai (Kodambakkam, Trustpuram, Varadharajanpet, Puliyurpuram, Choolaimedu, Saidapet, West Namachivayapuram, Saligramam, Vadapalani and West Mambalam). 400 women benefited from this programme.



### 2.2. Vocational Training

ARUWYE conducts short-term training of (2 - 3 months), often weekly courses about 5 to 7 days duration, focusing on young girls and women from rural areas and urban slums. The model is based on strong industry linkages counselling and focuses on hands-on skills training. Course includes Chocolate Making,



Fabric Designing, Tailoring, Beautician, Aari Work, Computer Classes, Finance Management, Skill Development and Marketing Skills. In addition to industry specific skills, beneficiaries also learn basic English and life skills. More than 500 young girls and women benefited from the programme.

### 2.2.1. Chocolate Making



Through professional trainers self help group women were trained on chocolate making. 10 women learnt the process of making, now selling in different bakeries of their locality and earning Rs.1000 per day.

### 2.2.2. Fabric Designing

Training on fabric designing was organized at different places in Chennai. The trainer identified one location, pattern and texture of fabric were taught to the beneficiaries. More than 100 members participated in the training programme. They were taught maintenance of brush, basic drawing, colour mash up, usage of liner, usage of brush, usage of colours, creating broader and Outline. The beneficiaries started their own business and now running successfully.





### 2.2.3. Tailoring

Garments are business emerging field. Most of the young girls and women in rural villages, urban and semi-urban slums train themselves to learn tailoring and make a business out of it. This year we had four set of short term course and more than 100 young girls and women benefited from the training.



### 2.2.4. Beautician

The beauty and grooming industry is evolving progressively and has witnessed global trends such as digital makeup as well as has shifted to organic and natural products. Beauticians are artists in their own right. ARUWYE created opportunities for young girls and women to learn and flourish in the progressing industry. More than 50 women got trained, running their own business and earning nearly Rs. 2000 per day.

### 2.2.5. Aari Work

Embroidery refers to the thread craft that enhances the look of a fabric or product. This thread craft is generally done on natural fabrics with tight weaves. It may also include decorating materials other than threads, like pearls, beads, stones and sequins. India is known for its beautiful embroidery techniques. Fundamental stitches of embroidery are running stitch, cross stitch and satin stitch. More than 50 young girls ,women learned and now earning more than Rs. 2500 per day.



### 2.2.6. Computer Classes



Computer Literacy Program serves to teach women the computer skills necessary to secure employment and advance in the workplace as well as to effectively utilize computers to support their professional and personal goals. More than 75 women were benefited from the computer courses and working in super markets, retailer shops and profession stores and earning Rs. 10,000 per month.

### 2.2.7. Finance Management

ARUWYE organized a finance management training for self help groups members of Saidapet and Kodambakkam, Chennai. To promote proper understanding and knowledge on micro credit finance loans availability to become not only self sufficient but to run an effective business for their livelihood sustainability. It was amazing,nearly 25 members participated. After the training we could sense the changes in their business strategy.

### 2.2.8. Skill Development



Skills development is the process of identifying your skill gaps and developing and honing these skills. It is important because your skills determine your ability to execute your plans with success. ARUWYE thought the same process and planned for the skill development training for self help group members 25 members participated in the training and benefited.

### 2.2.9. Marketing Skills

Training on marketing skills was conducted for Self Help Group members and Nirmala Technical Centre staffs at LIBA, Loyola College, Nungamakkam, Chennai. 7 members participated in the training programme. The participants revisited the strategy that they are taking up for the past years and they have taught the methods that value the market and need of the customers. How to do digital marketing and E-Commerce? The difference between entrepreneurs and social innovation and how to be different from others on marketing and budgeting? The participants benefited from the training programme.



### 2.3. Income Generation Activities



The members of the Self Help Group members and Nirmala Technical Centre Staffs involved in the income generation activity at different institutions, churches and public places to sell their products like jute bags, ornament, food item, candles and incense in Chennai. They could sell more than Rs. 80,000/-. Through which they get more orders from different people from different districts.



## 2.4. Webinar on Women in Action



Webinar on women in action was conducted through Google Meet. 15 members were participated in the webinar. The resource person was Mrs. Eva Roslin Santha Kumari (Advocate). She spoke on sustainable development goal (SDG). Goal – 5 Gender Equality to achieve women empowerment. She told to women that ending all discrimination against women and girls is not only basic human rights, its crucial for sustainable future. And also it is vital to give women equal rights land and property, sexual and reproductive health, technology and internet. Today there are more women in public office than ever before, but encouraging more women leaders will help to achieve greater gender equality.

## 2.5. Orange Day: Elimination of Violence Against Women

It is donated that every year 25th November has been designed has the orange day by the UNITE to end violence against women campaign. We are aware of the violence against women and the girls is one of the most widespread persistent and devastating human rights violations in our world today especially in our motherland. It remained largely reported due to impurity, silence, stigma and shame surrounding it. To break the strategy ARUWYE NGO took a stand to take up awareness rally for the women from the self help group of the local community from Varadharajapet to Zakaria Colony and from Namasivayapuram to Choolaimedu High road ,with safe and security from the department of police.



## 2.6. Gender Based Violence (Training & Rally)

Gender based violence is a phenomenon deeply rooted in gender inequality, it is a violence directed against a person because of their gender. Both men and women experience gender based violence. It is based on imbalance of power and is carried out with the intention to humiliate and make a person or group of people feel inferior. It is often perpetuated by a culture of denial and silence. It can happen in both the public and private sphere and it affects both men and women. Gender based violence can be physical, sexual, verbal or socio economical. It is based on feeling of superiority and intention to assert that superiority in the family, school, workplace, community or society. ARUWYE organized a training programme and rally to generate awareness among women on gender based violence. More than 150 members participated in the training as well as rally and benefited.



## 2.7. Street Play on Democracy



To generate awareness among general public on democracy street play was performed by internship students at Saidapet, Chennai. Performance made by interns from Loyola College, Stella Maris College, Madras School of Social Work and Anna Adarsh College. The aim of the street play is to deliver the key features of preamble of Indian Constitution. It has reached more than 500 members.

## 2.8. Self Help Group - Monitoring Visit



Monitoring is routine tracking and reporting of priority information about a project or programme inputs, activities, output, outcomes and impacts. The Social Development Coordinator and women coordinator three month once visited all the self help groups and provided the ideas to improve their group. They have monitored their notes and register. They have maintained the subscription and they are paying the loan on time apart from few groups. Most of the self help group members are running their own business.

## 2.9. Celebrations

Celebration can be a enjoyable and interactive part of our everyday lives. Understanding celebrations will helps an individual to connect and relate with different people, places, traditions,





### 2.9.1. Independence Day

The Independence Day of India, which is celebrated religiously throughout the Country on the 15th of August every year, holds tremendous ground in the list of national days, since it reminds every Indian about the dawn of a new beginning, the beginning of an era of deliverance from the clutches of British colonialism of more than 200 years. India's gaining of independence was a tryst with destiny, as the struggle for freedom was a long and tiresome one, witnessing the sacrifices of many freedom fighters, who laid down their lives on the line. Therefore, the self help group members remembering them and hoisted flags in different places in Chennai. The head of the group gave the message of the day.



### 2.9.2. Christmas Celebration

Self Help Group members of ARUWYE came together to celebrate Christmas at Kodambakkam, Chennai. 101 women actively participated along with the internship students from Loyola College and Stella Maris College. They hosted this celebration in involving the women self help group members to perform different activities such as dance, songs and taboos. The internship students from Loyola and Stella Maris took the lead performing a skit that gave a centre Christmas message “Giving and sharing out of nothing”. A colorful dance was performed by self help group members. And Carols was sung by students and Self Help Group members. The most attractive moment in the Christmas celebration was live crib by the Self Help Group members.



### 2.9.3. Pongal Festival

Pongal celebration programme was celebrated in Namashivayapuram, Choolaimedu, Chennai. The games were conducted to encourage them. Celebration begun with Rangoli competition with the theme of “PONGAL”. Few party games were conducted to builds confidence, to step forward towards positivism and to come out of bashful state. The game includes filling water bottle from the bucket using hand, chair music game. The women groups became more active and enthusiastic. The whole area observed the activities and they are also enjoyed by watching. Pongal was made and distributed to all people around the area, they were all enjoying by sharing love towards other group members. The gifts were also distributed to the group as the appreciation of the participation. And winners of the games are awarded. More than 250 members participated in the festival. .



### 2.9.4. Republic Day

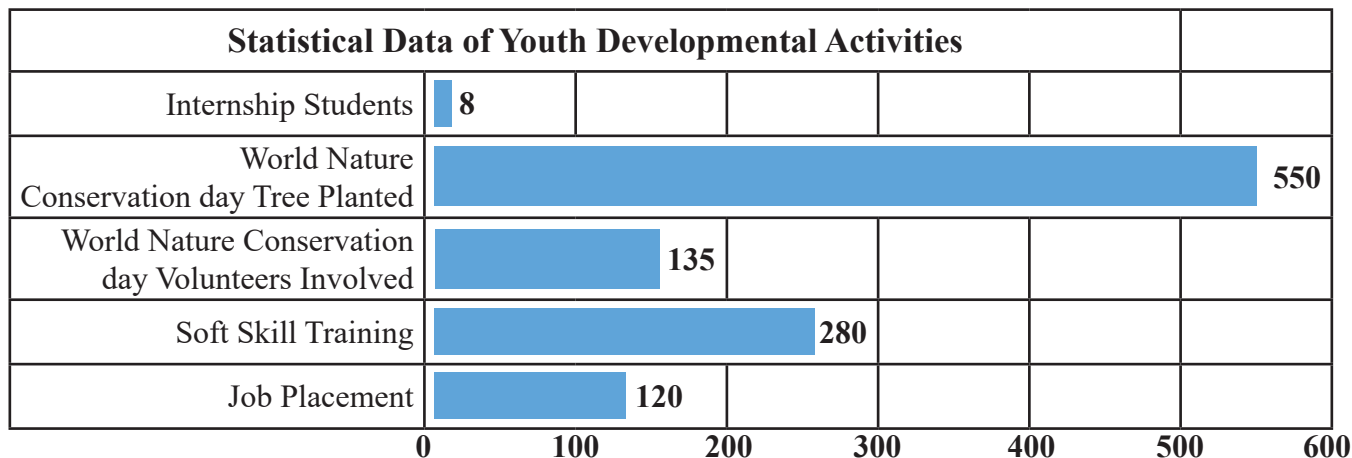


The Constitution was adopted by the Indian Constituent Assembly on 26 November 1949 and came into effect on 26 January 1950 with a democratic government system. In 2022, the nation is praising its 73rd Republic Day. The facilitator also stated on INTERGITY and EQUALITY and other features of preamble of the Indian Constitution. The programme was organized near Vartharajapuram in Kodambakkam, Chennai. 69 members participated in the celebration and enjoyed together. .

### 2.9.5. Women's Day

The international women day was celebrated on the theme “Women of Tomorrow” that denotes positive force, empowerment and to understand the female race. The chief guest of the programme was Dr. Belinda who hails from Madras Christian College, Sr. Celine Gasper - Animator and Sr. Shermila - Social Development Coordinator. The self help group members of ARUWYE came together for enjoying various cultural programmes and to get awards as a post of appreciation this aims to highlight the achievements made by the women. Thozhpavai Koothu cultural art was performed on “Girl Child Education”. A book was released on ‘Iyarkaium Manithanum”. More than 450 women participated in the celebration.





### 3. Youth Developmental Activities

#### 3.1. World Nature Conservation Day

World Nature Conservation Day, the occasion to bring awareness about the urgent need to preserve the environment and everything from natural resources to plant and animal species, soil, water, air. The unsustainable relation to nature led humanity to face an incalculable number of issues today: air and plastic pollution, deforestation, soil depletion, water contamination, flora and fauna extinction the list is long. Therefore, this is a occasion, begin with simple things you can do to help protect the earth volunteering, shopping wisely, planting trees, cutting down your waste, chemicals and pesticides, and more.





### 3.1.1. Planting Trees - Soorapoondi Village

The world conservation day was celebrated at Soorapoondi, Thiruvallur district. 30 youth participated in the programme. The resource persons were Mr. Babu Raj – Pachayat President, Sr. Shermila – Social Development Coordinator and Mr. Praveen Bhaskar – Programme Coordinator. Mr. Babu Raj spoke about the environment preservation and Sr. Shermila spoke about the Synod. 250 trees were planted near the pond and requested the NRDP to water every day. The purpose of this programme was to motivate youth to preserve the environment and teach the same to their younger generation.



### 3.1.2. Planting Trees - Madhavaram



The world nature conservation day organized at St. Jude's Church, Assisi Nagar, Madhavaram, Chennai. 40 members have participated in the programme. The resource persons were Sr. Shermila, Fr. Edward Raj and Mr. Praveen Bhaskar. The purpose of the programme was to motivate youth to plant trees at their locality. 150 trees were planted in their locality by youth volunteers. Sr. Shermila spoke about how we can have greenery thoughts, to have positive vibes and to share those positive vibes to others.

### 3.2. Planting Trees - Don Bosco Arts & Science College



An account of world social worker's day Mr.Praveen Bhaskar went to Don Bosco Art and Science College to offer saplings. Nearly 100 saplings and 8 varieties were planted. 65 students from Don Bosco planted the saplings energetically, they were very much happy about the activity done. Mr. Praveen Bhaskar had an interactive session with the students about the importance of environmental sustainability. Students took an active role in expressing their viewpoints. A sustainable environment is one that can be maintained for a long time. It is the wellspring of life for all living things. It guides everyone's life and dictates how they should grow and develop.

### 3.3. Internship Students

This year we had a internship students from four Colleges (Loyola College, Stella Maris College, Madras School of School of Social Work & Anna Adarsh College for Women). Their contribution to the organization was much useful,they had lot of exposure and gained knowledge.



### 3.4. Soft Skill Training



Soft skills are one part of the puzzle. Youth can not develop soft skills without any support and enabling environment for youth. Soft skills are everyday interpersonal skills that job seekers need to succeed on the job. That includes communicating clearly and appropriately, remembering work directions, working well with others, and know to solve problems. These skills will help young people succeed in life no matter what they are doing. This is necessary for young people to succeed in education, job training, independent living, community participation, and, ultimately, in the workplace. Therefore, Mr. Muthuvel - Placement Coordinator has trained 280 young people (Female - 190 & Male - 90) at Vellore & Ranipet in different vocational centers.





### 3.5. Job Placement

Social service agencies provided job placement assistance for unemployed individuals. Many of these services include career training to give job seekers marketable skills and knowledge. The agency then looks for appropriate matches in its database of job openings, and facilitates introductions and interviews. An agency may offer part-time, temporary or full-time job search options. In the same way Mr. Muthuvel - Placement Coordinator placed 120 youth in different industries at Vellore & Ranipet and they are earning more than Rs.15000 per month.



#### 4. COVID Emergency Support to Vulnerable Families

The social development office of INM Chennai province analyzed the situation of the vulnerable and moved forward for an emergency support at Kosapoor, Vadamperumbakkam and Madhavaram at Thiruvallur district. The category of people identified were coolie workers, barbers, beggars, and construction workers have nothing and absolutely anything. The Development office tapped the source from Caritas Singapore to provide dry ration for 400 beneficiaries. People longing and looking up for a better situation. Let us continue to join hands to do the very best for the affected victims. ARUWYE sincerely thank INM Chennai Provincial for her collaboration, and all the youth volunteers for their active participation to make this relief support more meaningful. Let us continue to make a difference in the life of these people.



## 5. Rapport Building among Government Official

Sr. Shermila – Social Development Coordinator along with staffs met Mr. Peter Alphones – Minister for State Minority Commission and Ms. R. Priya - Chennai Mayor to get a help for Mrs. Gracy. Her husband was passed away due to accident. She has two children there is no any income for the family. Hence the Social Development Coordinator tried to get a job for her. She has completed Nursing and worked before marriage. Mr. Peter Alphones & Ms. Priya collected all the certificates and letter and promised them that they would do their level best to support her.





## 6. Humanitarian Service - During Flood Food was Provided

Heavy rain of 15 days battered the city which according to Meteorologists was five times more than the normal, residence can now breath a sign of relief, however Chennai, Chengalpattu & Thiruvallur were badly affected. People at Bhadeeswara Salai, Choolaimedu High Road, Gill Nagar, Dossapuram, Minor Trustpuram, Kodamabakkam Down Bridge and Backside Mosque were suffered for their livelihood. Hence ARUWYE Self Help Group members planned to provide them food packets. We have distributed more than 3000 food pockets. Thanks to Self Help Group members, Sisters and Volunteers.



## 7. Joy of Giving



People around the world are waiting for someone to hold them and be there if they require help. The more we can hold them and give our little time & compassion can make a big difference in their lives. AWRUYE supported underprivileged families gave raw ration and food packets to 250 families during night time in shelter home for senior citizen (Men). They were happy to receive.





## 8. COVID Survey

A survey on girl's rights during the pandemic in the global South is mainly focused on girls' struggles during the pandemic between the 10 to 20 age group. Sr.Sharmila and the enumerator of this project Ms.Divya Sree have taken a survey at schools in Arani, Vellore. The data was collected through questionnaires and focused Group discussion. During the survey, children involved themselves fully and shared their real-life experiences. The survey outcome was that girl children struggled a lot during the pandemic with necessary needs.





## 9. HDRC Building

The Human Development Resource Centre building project was initiated in the year 2016. The project was funded by Miseen Cara and it was 7 core project. After a lot of struggle in getting permission from the government, the first phase of the building work started on 26th January 2022, the second phase on 26th June 2022 and we are at the final stage of completing the work. Special thanks to Miseen Cara for funding and also Sr. Nirmala Lazar (Mother Provincial), Sr. Lucy (Economer), and Sr. Shermila (Social Development Coordinator), and all the sisters and benefactors for their continuous support in bringing up this building successfully.