

Auxilium Rural Under-Privileged Women and Youth Empowerment

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INM-Chennai

**Annual Report
(2020- 2021)**



Towards an effective change in the life of the Under-Privileged Children, Women & Youth

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL – INM CHENNAI

A year of Challenges and Progress

The Year 2020 has been a challenging one with the onset of the unprecedented pandemic that has affected the entire world. However, looking at a situation with the eyes of faith, we are grateful to the Lord who in his infinite goodness has brought us to see its gradual closure despite all odds of uncertainty and anxiety and has enabled us to create a web of solidarity and fraternity in order to reach out to the marginalized section of the society. I would like to appreciate ARUWYE organization for making every possible effort to creatively reach out to the unreachable through outreach activities for WOMEN, YOUTH AND CHILDREN.

I appreciate the team for undertaking alternative methods during this past year, to carry forward the mission of the organization to be close to the poorest. Especially by focusing their attention on the upliftment of the women to earn their livelihood with dignity and perseverance and enabled them to face the challenges of the pandemic with serenity. However, we also know we have a long journey ahead to reach our goal. I strongly believe that we can reach out to unprivileged people through ARUWYE organization in the days to come with the support of our donors and well wishers. I would like to sincerely thank Sr. Kanikairaj Shermila, development office coordinator and her vibrant team for leading the organization with great vitality and dignity. I wish them all the best.

Let us continue our fight against the dangerous trenches of COVID-19 with the powerful weapons of prayer, faith in God, solidarity and team spirit. As we continue to advance amidst the uncertainties of tomorrow, the globalization of indifference may at times threaten us but the necessary antibodies of the spirit of justice, charity and solidarity will help us to progress.

May God bless you always and in all ways!



Sr. Nirmala Lazar.

Sr. Lazar Maria Nirmala FMA
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FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

“Challenges are what make life interesting. Overcoming them is what makes them meaningful.”

The previous year has challenged us to come together like never before. We started the fiscal year 2020 with a new strategic plan that would guide us on our future endeavors. But we are forced to put those efforts on hold due to COVID-19 outbreak and various challenges were brought forth into our door steps.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our team members who faced these challenging days of crisis with utmost faith and zeal. It is my honor and privilege to present to you all the Annual Report for the year 2020.

I am grateful to all the funding agencies for their support and contribution, it is because of their generosity we were able to carry forward all our plans and activities. I take this golden opportunity to thank our dear Provincial Rev Sr. Nirmala Lazar –INM Chennai province and her councilors for their support, guidance and prayers.

I would like to conclude that the past year has reminded us of one important thing. Despite facing an uncertain future, there is the faith that remains, “there are always better things to happen in the future” – for ARUWYE stands together and serves the vulnerable for a better.



Sr. Shermila

Sr. KanikaiRaj Shermila FMA
Social Development Coordinator, ARUWYE

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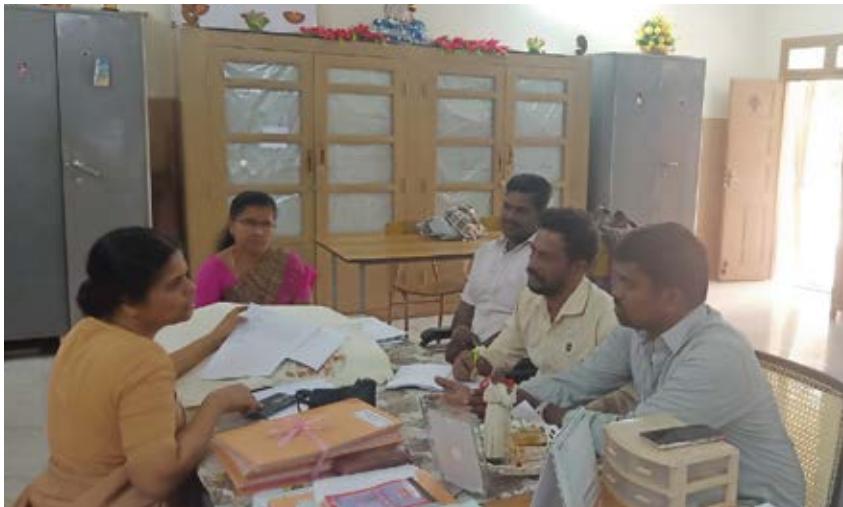
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Towards an Effective Change in the Life of the Underprivileged especially among Children, Women and Youth

Introduction

ARUWYE 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.

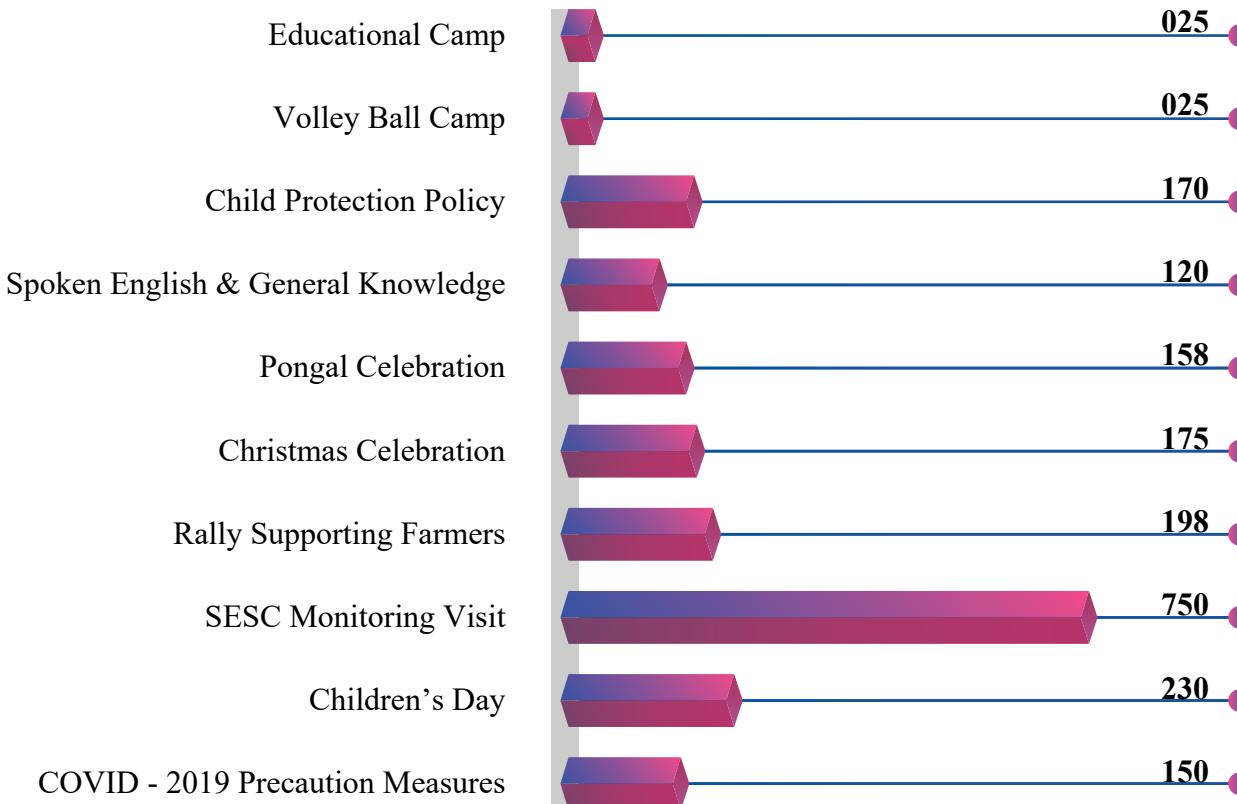
Vision

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

Mission

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

Statistics of Children Developmental Activities



Children Developmental Activities

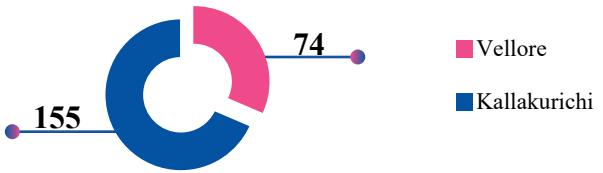
1.1. COVID – 19 Precaution Measures

Children were given awareness to safeguard themselves during the pandemic situation. They were instructed to clean their hands often using soap or alcohol based hand rub. and to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth. They were taught the importance of wearing mask and maintaining physical distance. The children were given informative-posters to display in their locality and spread awareness in their village.



1.2. Children's Day

Children's day was celebrated at Vellore and Kallakurichi district. Various competitions such as Essay writing, Poem recitation, Drawing and Riddles were conducted and the winners were awarded. The message of the year was God loves us so much that he has given us a chance to come together. Let us continue to love each other for He is present everywhere. Let us believe that "God sees you." And 230 children participated in the celebration with great interest and enthusiasm.



1.3. Supplementary Evening Study Centre – Monitoring Visit

Our staffs were visited all the Supplementary Evening Study Centres in the province. During this pandemic situation children lost their interest in studies. So the parents were willing to send their children to SESC. Children were allowed in SESC with minimum attendance and proper safety measures. They were taught spoken English and General Knowledge.



1.4. Rally Supporting Farmers

ARUWYE organized rally to support farmers at Anmarudai, Thiruvannamalai District. 198 Children participated in the rally. After the rally Mr. Praveen Bhaskar gave a talk on Farm Act, 2020. He explained the prevailing conditions. The structure of this act, Farm Act, 2020 was submitted in LokSabha on 21st Sep 2020 and Submitted in Rajya Sabha on 22nd Sep 2020. On 27th Sep 2020 President of India Sri Ram Nath Kovind signed the document. He was also explained about the merits and demerits of “The Farmers’ Produce Trade and Commerce



(Promotion and Facilitation) Act, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, and The Essential Commodities (Amendment)’.



1.5. Christmas Celebration

ARUWYE along with the Mangala Geetham (Anmarudai Community) organized Christmas Celebration for Children in Supplementary Evening Study Centre at Anmarudai, Thiruvannamalai District. Nearly 175 Children participated in the celebration. They performed different traditional and cultural events and were awarded. The message of the celebration was ‘Sharing and loving one another’. Children were given gifts to share with their family members.



1.6. Pongal Celebration

ARUWYE organized Pongal Celebration for Children in Supplementary Evening Study Centre at Kaspapettai, Erode District. Nearly 158 Children participated in the celebration and performed cultural events. The purpose and cultural importance of the festival was conveyed to the them. Various competitions were conducted and winners were awarded with attractive prizes.



1.7. Spoken English & General Knowledge

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, children were not going to school and staying at home. To motivate them and keep them engaged, Spoken English was taught and General Knowledge quiz competitions were conducted. Though they struggled initially, due to continuous monitoring and support they performed well.



1.8. Child Protection Policy

Child Protection Policy handbook was designed, printed and distributed at the province level. Mr. Thenpandian, an advocate and children rights activist conducted training on 'Child Protection Policy' to the teachers working in the Supplementary Evening Study Centre in four districts. The objective of the training is to make the participants read the handbook and have an exhaustive perception about children's rights and their protection. Theoretical knowledge about the responsibilities of duty bearers and right holders will support us to implement the same in our workplace and community.



1.9. Volley Ball Camp

The Volley Ball Camp was organized at RCM School, Michealpuram, Kallakkurichi district between 24th Feb, 2021 and 27th Feb, 2021. In total 25 children participated in the camp. The trainers were Mr. Akesh Raj and Mr. Rohan. The children were categorized into four groups (Average, Medium Average, Low Average and Under Low Average). They were trained on stretches, wall touch, cone stretches, serving, passing, attack options, blocking and defensive skills. On the last day participants were awarded with certificates and interesting gifts.

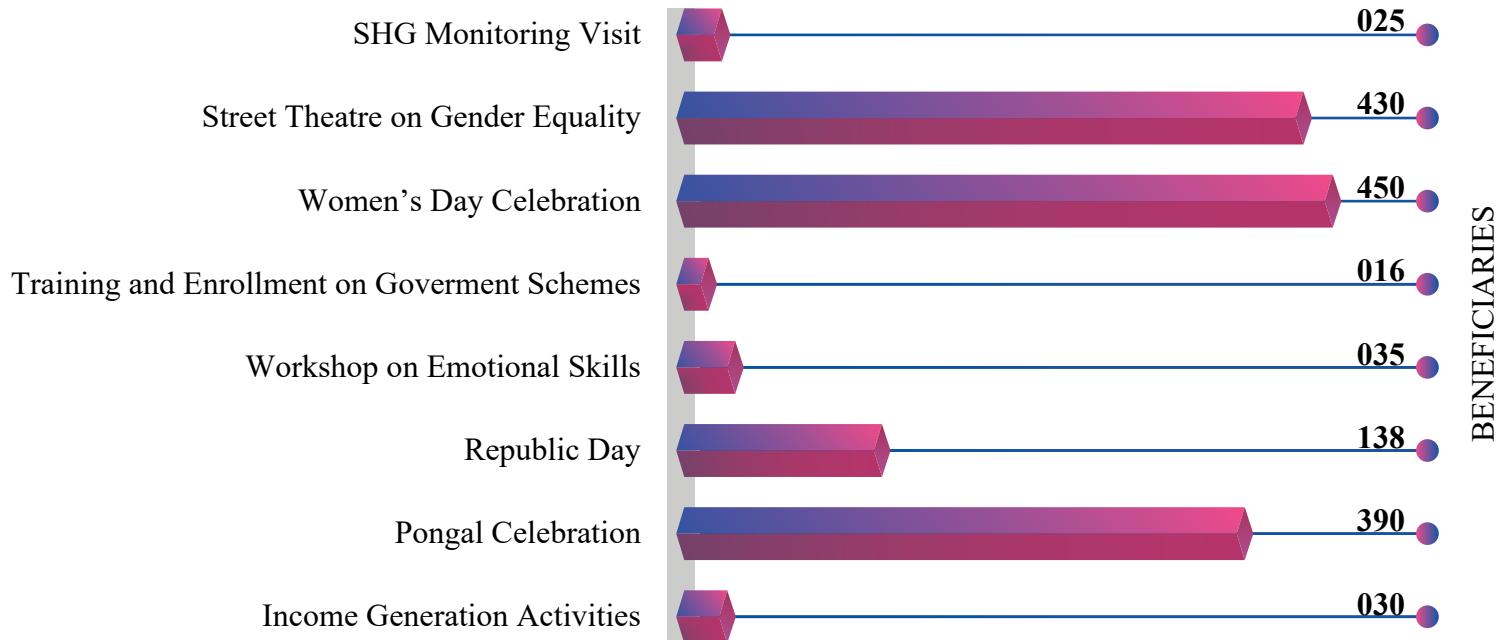


1.10. Educational Camp

The Educational Camp was organized at Auxilium Home, Michealpuram, Kallakkurichi district between 25th Feb, 2021 and 27th Feb, 2021. Nearly 25 children participated in the camp. The trainers were Sr. Shermila and Mr. PraveenBhaskar. The Children were taught drawing skills such as Basic Rules, Flexible and Inflexible, Shading, Dot, Line, Circle and Box. They were educated about the importance of planting trees and protecting our environment. Training on Street Theatre, Mime Acting, developing a story, mirror reflection, expression and posture were conducted to enhance their creativity and memory power. Children were given Hand writing exercises and encouraged to use the library. The participants were provided with participatory certificates and best performers were awarded with attractive prizes.



Statistics of Women Developmental Activities



2.1. COVID – 19 – Income Generation Activities

During the Covid-19 lockdown, our Self-Help Groups were involved in various income generation activities. SHG members sewed safety masks and gloves and distributed to Raj Hospital at T.Nagar, Chennai. Herbal soap, mat and fabric paintings were manufactured and sold to the local community. Foods and snacks were prepared based on orders. The Self-Help Group members set uppetty shops selling food packets and home-made snacks.





2.2. Nirmala Technical Centre

The Centre sold candles (Gel candle & wedding return gift candle) hand-made by the staffs and received a profit of more than Rs.50,000. Different models of jute bags, hand-made jewellery, soaps and incense were prepared and sold at reasonable prices. Women were given training on Tailoring short term and long term courses. This pandemic year gave a lot of employment opportunities for Nirmala Technical Centre.



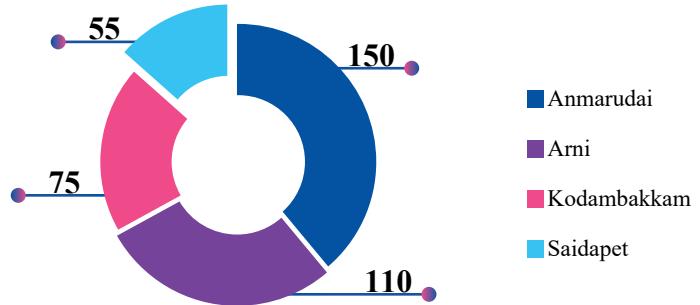
2.3. Orders from Ramraj Cotton

We received orders from RamRaj Cotton. Four staffs stitched more than 15,000 masks in four months. To increase the production, Juki Machine was purchased.



2.4. Pongal Celebration

ARUWYE organized Pongal Festival Celebration for Self Help Group members at Arni, Anmarudai, Kodambakkam and Saidapet. Nearly 390 Self-Help Group members participated in the celebration. The Pongal Celebration was dedicated to farmers who were protesting for their rights. Competitions were conducted and participants were appreciated with prizes. Cultural events were performed.



2.5. Republic Day

The Self-Help Group members conducted Republic Day Celebration in their communities (Kodambakkam & Saidapet). Ms. Divya, Intern from Loyola College hoisted the national flag at the Republic Day Programme conducted by Kalai Magal SHG. The Chief Guest gave a talk on our Indian Constitution and the emphasis of freedom.

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Kodambakkam

Saidapet



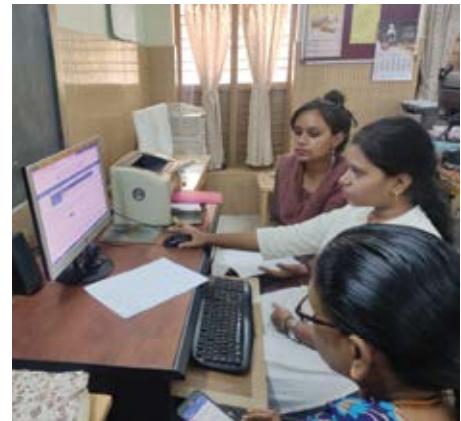
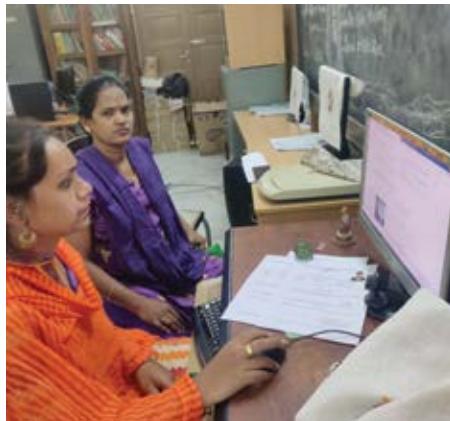
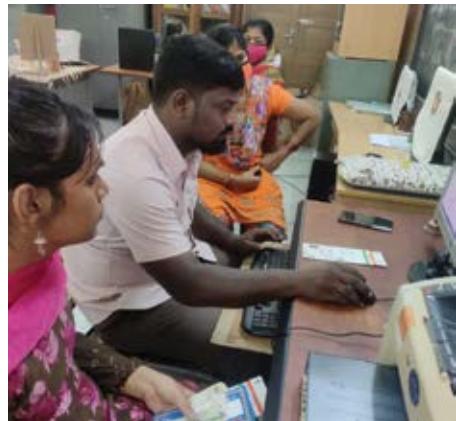
2.6. Emotional Skills

Workshop on emotional skills for Self-Help Group members were conducted at Varadharajanpet, Kodambakkam, Chennai. In total 35 members participated in the training programme. The training programme was conducted by Dr. Siluvai Raja MBA from Loyola College and Ms. Benila and Mr. Ram Kumar. They spoke on how to balance one's emotional skills, the need to have a proper approach and to accommodate oneself according to the given situation.



2.7. Training and Enrollment on Government Schemes

Training on Government Schemes was conducted for theinternship students from Loyola College by Mr. Safik, Revenue Officer from Tamil Nadu Welfare Board. He gave instructions on how to fill upthe application in Tamil Nadu Welfare Board online portal. So far 16 members have benefited from the training and 400 members were enrolled and renewed in Tamil Nadu Unorganized Welfare Board online portal.



2.8. Women's Day Celebration

The Women's Day Celebration was conducted by ARUWYE under the theme 'Women in Leadership'. The Chief Guest of the day was Mrs. Eva Roselin Santha Kumari, an Advocate and Legal Consultant, Madras High Court. The Chief Guest was welcomed with paraiyattam which is an ancient folk dance in Tamil Nadu and it involves the dancers playing the instrument 'parai' and dancing to its rhythm. Different types of tradition dance were performed. Best Woman award was given to the achievers of the year. An essay on "Gender Equality" was released by Mr. PraveenBhaskar – Programme Coordinator and Ms. Annie – Loyola College Student.



2.9. Street Theatre on Gender Equality

Street theatre on gender equality was performed around the slums of Chennai by ARUWYE and students from Loyola College. Gender equality is one of the foundations of our modern society. Though we see a great change and progress around us, there is still disparity in thoughts and actions. To highlight this notion street play was performed through folk art. The performance was able to reach more than 500 people of general public.

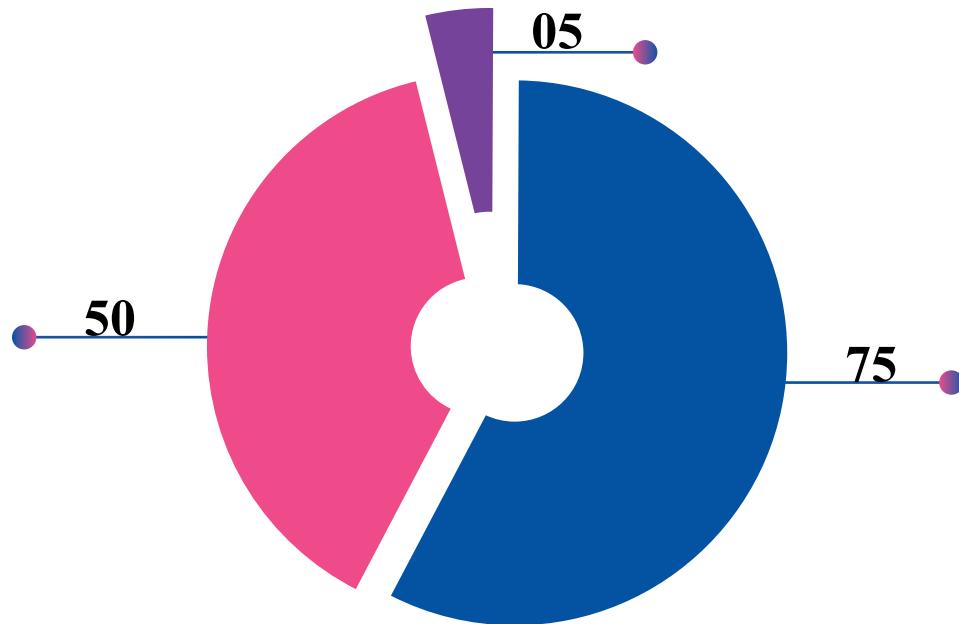


2.10. Self Help Group Monitoring Visit

The Social Development Coordinator, Programme Coordinator and Women Coordinator carried out their monitoring visits at Chennai and Thiruvannamalai districts. The Self-Help Group members shared their COVID-19 experience and the struggle to manage their family without income. They expressed their interest to undergo training on business opportunity and business development.



Youth Developmental Activities



■ Carrier Guidance

■ Employment Opportunity

■ Internship for the College Students

3.1. Career Guidance

Society is making it difficult for the young people to find sustainable career opportunities. Providing them support during their studies can be a key to a successful career path. Such a support may involve the choice of a specialization and transition to the workplace. Life skills are very essential as they allow the young people to apply their newly acquired knowledge to meet the real world problems and situations. Thereby enabling them to create a framework of their desired career and build up on it.



3.2. Employment Opportunity

Skill development should be based on one's own skills rather than to meet industrial needs. Only then the employment opportunities thus generated will be sustainable. A girl is always burdened by the honour of her family which holds down her individual freedom and financial independence. Therefore, ARUWYE is involved in various skill development and employment training programmes to help the local youth find relevant job opportunities with decent pay scale.



3.3. Internship for the College Students

Loyola College students were given an intense field work internship at ARUWYE. The students in turn supported the organization on their various project activities. They have contributed for the successful conduction of programmes such as Republic Day, Women's Day and Street Play. Their participation and dedication in enrolling the people in the Tamil Nadu Unorganized Welfare online portal was enormous.



COVID – 2019 – Solidarity with the Poor

ARUWYE Social development office of the Chennai province extended their outreach service to Thiruvallur district (Gummidipoondi Taluk) from 01.05.2020 to 14.05.2020 thereby serving 750 families who have shifted from Thiruvottiyur and Gumudipoondi to Soorapoondi village panchayat at Vallalar Nagar and provided them with raw rice, dal, oil and food commodities. ARUWYE serviced the Irular community at Ramachandrapuram and distributed grocery to 30 gypsie families at Suravathikandigai village and ration items to 209 families at



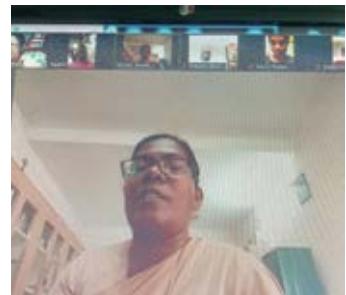


Siruvada village. We appreciate the village panchayat leaders for their cooperation and support and also the benefactors for their generous contribution and participation. We thank the youth volunteers for their help in executing the programmes successfully. And we express our sincere gratitude to our dear provincial Sr. Lazar Nirmala an inspirer and guide who accompanied us in our mission. Grocery distribution at Suravathikandigai village for Gypsies 30 families and 209 families received raw ration at Siruvada village. We also appreciate for the village panchayat leaders for their cooperation and collaboration and also the benefactors for their generous contribution and their participation and the youth volunteer's response to the social responsibilities. Our sincere gratitude to our dear provincial S. Lazar Nirmala an inspirer, guide and accompanied us in our distribution.

Webinar and Zoom Meet of the Year

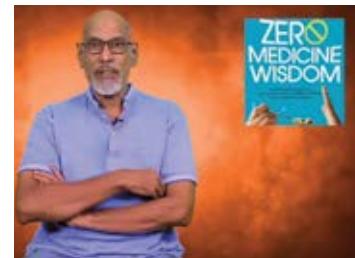
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Webinar and Zoom Meet of the Year



During the Covid-19 crisis, ARUWYE identified the extraordinary situation faced by the under privileged people who lost their job, struggled to feed their family and could not afford for medical treatment. To extend their service and reach more people, an informative video has been prepared and uploaded in YouTube to educate the women, youth and children.

Date of Release	Topic
24 - 08 - 2020	Child and Women Rights During COVID 2019
26 - 08 - 2020	Natural Way of Building Immunity
04 - 10 - 2020	Care for Common Home



Care for Common Home

To regenerate our environment, children from Supplementary Evening Study Centre and women from Self-HelpGroups of our target area planted 1500 trees and 610 seed balls across the province. Our future undertakings include rain water harvesting, plantation of trees, cultivation of vegetables and seasonal fruits and deep-



Children

- ▶ Strengthened access to age appropriate safe care arrangements including the provision of key services such as education, medical care and psychological support.
- ▶ Execution of Child Protection Policy in non-formal sector.
- ▶ Create ambience for the best development of children at the province level.
- ▶ Initiate province level children parliament.
- ▶ Motivate children to plant trees in their locality.

Women

- ▶ Undertaking initiatives to setup cooperative bank for Self Help Groups
- ▶ Managerial support to expand the business
- ▶ Enroll Self Help Group members in Government Schemes
- ▶ Enroll women in short term self-employment course and create livelihood.
- ▶ Encouraging women into entrepreneurship activities

Youth

- ▶ Create ARUWYE Youth Volunteers Hub
- ▶ Educate youth on citizenship
- ▶ To support young people in getting appropriate employment opportunities.
- ▶ To create awareness among young people on their role and contribution in bringing out better policies from the government.
- ▶ Developing Life Skills, particularly communication skill and social skills



Achievements of the Year (2020 - 2021)



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