

FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

“We don’t grow when things are easy; we grow when we face challenges”.

Dear friends, No Year is without its challenges. On behalf of the entire ARUWYE TEAM, I am proud of the committed team its willingness to embrace challenge. I want to thank each member of the team for all their hard work this year. Our success is a direct result of their dedication and commitment to the organization and all our good and well wishers.

It is my privilege to present the Annual Report for the year 2019-2020. I am humbled and honored to work alongside a group of dedicated agencies and the exceptional leadership team of the Fund to serve all our vulnerable, the most needy women, youth and children in six districts. This year 2019 had remarked successful with variety events with sweet memories.

I am grateful and proud to work with committed team for the continuous success through the past years .I sincerely thank our dear Provincial Rev. Sr. Nirmala Lazar and her councillors for their guidance and support for having helped us to reach our goal and objectives of our Organization. I once thank all our supporting agencies for their contributions and helping us to reach our horizon.



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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, centres 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 but must resonate from personal opinions, belief systems and choices made by responsible people in their lives.



ARUWYE is engaged in promoting and providing quality education among the socially and economically deprived section 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.

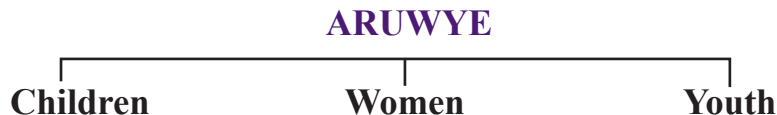
Vision

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.

Target Population



The year in brief

Children

- ❖ MR. Koteeshwaran and Ms. Abinaya were decorated by the UN council for the successful ministry in the children parliament.
- ❖ SESC children took part in various competitions and were awarded in state level. Selvi. Priyadharshini got more than 150 prizes in chess competition between the years 2015 – 2020.

Youth

- ❖ 88% placement was achieved the year 2019 – 2020.
- ❖ Core group was formed in four districts of Tamil Nadu.

Women

- ❖ More than 200 were trained on fabric designing and few women are earning nearly Rs.3000 Per day through fabric designing.
- ❖ Many women started their own business last one year.

Children Developmental Activities

1.1. Folk Art and Traditional Games

Folk Art and Traditional Games stimulates creative thinking, physical & mental fitness. In addition, it inculcates discipline in a toddler. It makes them to feel independent. It is an immense pleasure for ARUWYE to make the children participate in the workshop.



1.2. Neighbourhood Children Parliament & Media Education

Neighbourhood Children Parliament inculcates leadership qualities and they contemplated more about social issues around their environment.

Through media education children will know, what are the pro's and con's of media in this contemporary world.





1.3. United Nation Convention for the Right of the Child

UNCRC was ratified by 193 countries in the world, stating that, “they would follow child rights mentioned in the UNCRC”. It has 54 articles which comprises of four major child rights (Right to Survival, Right to Development, Right to Protection and Right to Participation). Mr Thenpadian – Lawyer from Chennai High Court facilitated the four district Supplementary Evening study center teachers based on UNCRC.

1.4. Psycho-Social Care

Psycho-social care is a individual person approach, which address the social, psychological, emotional, spiritual, functional aspects of children. It is essentially for every tutor to know about psycho-social care to handle children in the SESC.



1.5. Supplementary Evening Study Centre – Monitoring Visit

Through the monitoring visit co-ordinators get to know about children and evaluate them on the basis of physical development, educational growth, innovative ideas and awareness on the basis of rights and responsibilities.



1.6. Resilience for Children

Every child in the world should know about resilience. According to National Crime Report Bureau says that, “there is 85% growth in Child abuse in India. Henceforth, it is our responsibility to educate children on resilience to save themselves from all heinous activities.



1.7. Child Protection Policy

It is a responsibility of every adult to look after children and protect them from all detrimental things. Moreover, we have formulated child protection policy and we have educated adults on different platforms. There is perception that adult have changed the ways in safeguarding children.



1.8. Soft Skills for Children

Through soft skills we made them to understand, what are the roles, they are playing currently in their life. In addition, we have educated them on personality development, decision making, effective time management and attitude towards people.



1.9. Children's Day

To motivate and bring out hidden prodigy of every child we conduct distinguish competition (Elocution, Essay Writing, Poem Writing, Riddles and Drawing) in the month of November every year. Every participant will be decorated with awards. It motivates them to come out with different talents and creates confidants among children.



1.10. Human Rights Education

Formal and non formal sector children were educated on human rights education. Children were taught about UNCRC, Preamble of the Indian Constitution, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Universal Declaration of Human Rights and sustainable development Goal.



1.11. Eco-Friendly Environment

Children formed an Eco-friendly club. Club members visited. Each village and spoke about advantages of preserving the environment to the villagers. Club members cleaned the surroundings planted the saplings in the mountain area.



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Way Forward

- ❖ Initiating SESC in all 8 districts of INM Province, children will be trained on Reading Practice, Hand Writing, Spoken English, and General Knowledge).
- ❖ Strengthening the Children Parliament
- ❖ Summer Camp
- ❖ Eco Club in Non Formal Sector



Youth Developmental Activities

1.1. Training on Career Guidance & Life Skill

Young people live in a society in which creating sustainable career opportunities is complex. Support during studies can also be key to a successful learning path. Such support may involve help with the choice of a specialization, the transition to the workplace. Think of life skills as the building blocks or framework that allow youth to apply the knowledge they acquire in society to real world problems and situations. Therefore it supports for the young people to lay road for their life.



1.2. Placements

We look at skill development from the lens of what industry wants, rather than what society needs. The honour of a girl is almost always a burden that the family of the girl carries and hence it is safer to keep her home rather than let her go out and work, lest she gain financial independence. Hence, ARUWYE enhance youth in our locality promoting them a relevant job opportunities with decent salary.



1.3. International Youth Day

Many activities and events that take place around the world on International Youth Day promote the benefits that young people bring into the world. But this year on the day of International Youth Day in our locality discussed about gender equality and issue in their locality. The reflection was on “Society nowadays isn’t what it was a decade ago. People change and so does the society they live in. The problems that our grandparents experienced with our parents aren’t the same that our parents experience with us”.





1.4. Focused Group Discussion on Social Issues

Focused group discussion was conducted at Chennai and Vellore. 53 youth participated in FGD. The question were discussed was that, what are the issues that you face in your daily life and how it affects you? Your opinion about domestic violence? Do you know about women rights and what are they? What is your opinion on gender equality? The youth shared their experience and the opinion.

1.5. Youth Citizenship

The Youth Citizenship took place at across Chennai and Vellore. Around, 176 members participated. The main focal point what is the difference between knowledge, experience, and creativity. Youth were explained the meaning of preamble of the Indian Constitution. As well as few issues based on the Citizenship Amendment Act was also discussed. They were asked to develop empathy skills.





Way Forward

- ❖ Preparing the platform for the youth to become sensitive for their own communities and make them a cater groups
- ❖ Workshop on Life Skills and Carrier Guidance and place them in a decent job
- ❖ Promoting media education among youth

Women Developmental Activities

1.1. Gender based Violence and Gender Equality

Gender equality means that equal rights, obligations, opportunities and responsibilities are ensured for men and women to participate in all aspects of social life. The prevention of violence against women is an important prerequisite for achieving equality. Violence against women are terms that are often used interchangeably as it has been widely acknowledged that most gender-based violence is inflicted on women and girls, by men. ARUWYE gave awareness on Gender equality and gender based violence in our target areas.



1.2. Self Help Group – Core Team Meet

The purpose of core team is consisting of experts to perform multi-disciplinary activities. To bring next level the concept of core team was brought in. Identification took part among SHG members and finally succeeded in gathering 15 members team. These core team members are continuously working for the welfare of women. The role of this group is to learn as much as they can about society and use this knowledge to support the marginalized women in their locality. The team will collaborate and reach on new processes, then mentor women on their development.



1.3. Skill Developmental Courses

The aim of short term courses is to in a limited period training the individual in a particular field. With lot of strategic planning ARUWYE initiated short term courses for women. The short term courses were Tailoring, Fabric Designing, Beautician, Jute Bags, Jewels Making, Incense Making and Candle Making.



1.4. Ensure Women to access welfare schemes

Women welfare is a debatable subject. Self-help groups are started to a variety of goals including empowering women, developing leadership abilities among poor people, increasing school enrolments,

and improving nutrition and the use of birth control. Therefore supporting them to get a welfare schemes will enhance life of women in the family as well as their dependents.



1.5. Emergency Support

Our country is a home of the largest numbers of marginalized population in the world. Most of the people find difficulty in getting their basic needs. Therefore our SHG members extended their heart to support these people.



1.6. Self Help Group – Monitoring Visit

The act of overseeing the progress of a Self Help Groups, and of ensuring that it is conducted, recorded, and reported in accordance with the regulatory requirements. Hence Social Development Coordinator along with the Women Coordinator every year goes for monitoring visit to all SHGs in Chennai province.



1.7. Human Rights Day

Human rights are the rights intrinsic to all human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other status. Human rights include the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education, and many more. This year SHG members along with the Supplementary Evening Study Centre children celebrated the Human Rights Day. Mrs. Eva Roseline –lawyer from Madras High Court was invited to share the importance of Rights of the children and women.





1.8. Medical Camp

Free medical camps are set up with a sacred aim to bring awareness amongst the deprived population of the country who have no access to basic healthcare services or knowledge about the diseases they are suffering from. So, medical camps provide free medical advice, medicine to the unfortunate people and refer for specialized treatment or surgery whenever it is required. Hence in our locality medical camps were conducted to give awareness on Breast Cancer, Uterus Cancer, Dengue, and Nutrition.



WOMENS DAY CELEBRATION

On the 7th March 2020 Women's day Celebration were celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm by the self help group Members. 636 - Members actively participated. Something significant in this year is men were invited for the days programme. It was a moment of joy and unique event





Way Forward

- ❖ Availing Government Schemes to SHG members at Chennai district
- ❖ Workshop will be conducted on Health and Hygiene, Handicraft things from the waste materials, Suicide Prevention, Media and Family and Gender based violence
- ❖ Initiating Cooperative bank for Self Help Groups in Chennai

3. Short Film

This Year ARUWYE released five short film on social awareness on the name of Exploitation, Gender Equality, Men at Work, Oru Pozhudu and Do not Whisper with the support of College students, SHG members, supplementary evening study centre children and our well wishers.

Short Films Released by ARUWYE - 2019



Expolitation



Gender Equality



Men at Work



Oru Pozhudu



Do Not Whisper

4. Fund Raising Event

We are happy to share our annual fundraising report. We believe that knowledge is for everyone and this inspires us to take an inclusive approach to asking for donations. No matter the amount they give, has one thing in common: they find it useful and accessible. We are happy to share information about fundraising at the ARUWYE website and look forward to your feedback.

