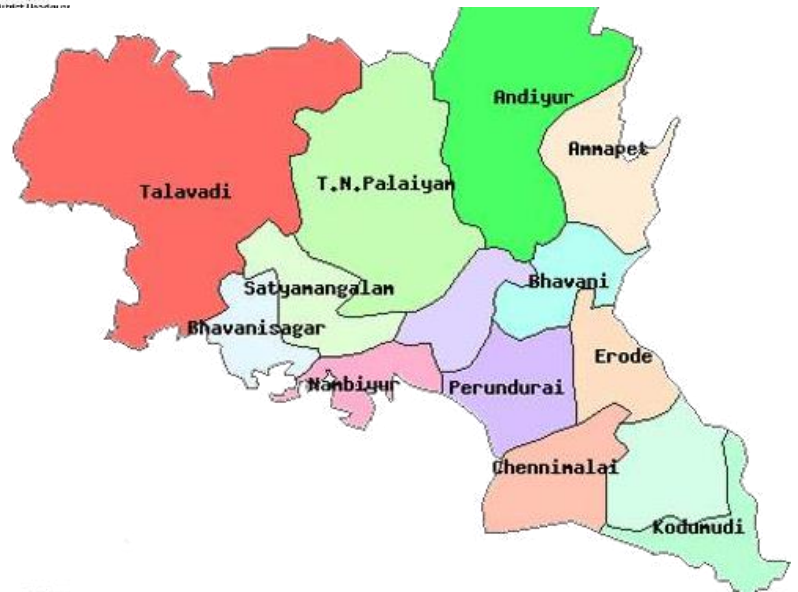
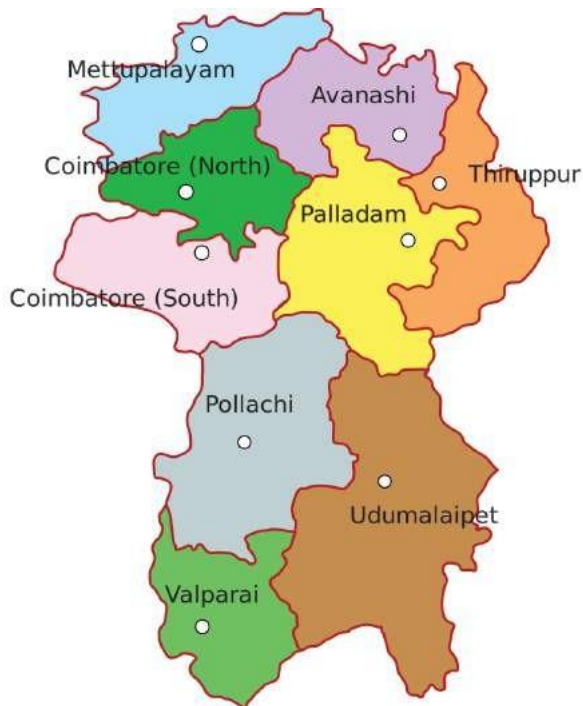




ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2019-20

OUR PRESENCE



OUR IMPACT



EDUCATION

20,500

Children enrolled in
Schools and Colleges

4207

Children benefiting
at CRC

1319

Children received
education support

SELF HELP GROUP, WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

1550

SHG's formed

18,603

Total members in group

743

Micro-enterprise
created

5307

Total members received
loan from bank

HEALTH

734

Medical Camp
conducted

5

Toilets
constructed

1721

Children benefited
in Nutrition
program



REHABILITATION OF MIGRANT WORKERS

2809

Received Legal
Awareness

723

Psychological support

Education



The very first initiative of Vizhuthugal was Children Resource Centre in 2003 and focused on enrolling the children in the schools by eradicating child laborers. These activities were carried out in the partnership with the State government. Under this program we have mainstreamed 571 children in government schools.



"We proud to say that most of the children we helped are the first generation literates"

20 Children Resource Centre is formed in the target villages benefiting 571 children.

We have formed community support groups in the village to identify the children who are dropped out from school and train them and enroll them in the schools despite of their economic conditions. A total of 1725 volunteers were enrolled in the Vizhuthugal to identify the issues that hold back the community and resolve them through collective actions.

62

Beneficiaries received Education Support

461

Community Support Group Members

526

Students received Career Guidance

423

Adolescent Support Group Members

193

Children enrolled in Schools and Colleges

571

Children Enrolled in Children Resource Centre

Re-enrollment in School



Manasha lives with her Mother and sister Kaviya and both of them are studying at Government Higher Secondary School, Vemandampalyam. She lost her father when she is 5 years old. After the demise of her father, they live with a grandmother. Her mother faced a lot of difficulties to take care of the family and she could not manage the financial expenses and that leads Manasha to drop out of her education in the mid of 9th std and she stopped coming to Children Resource Centre. This is noticed by field coordinators and discussed with the Manasha family and encouraged them to re-enroll in school. Now Manasha is going to school without any break and enjoying the study. Vizhuthugal team met the family and provide proper support in terms of her education.

CRC members achievements



Vizhuthugal had motivated children to participate in the events and sports competitions which provide an opportunity to express individual talents. Due to this continuous motivation and inspiration, children participated in school sports events and competitions and won prizes in the events. Vizhuthugal CRC has been able to make perceptible changes in the life and education of all children of this remote rural area. Sivasakthi has secured first prize in the school in academics after scoring the best marks. Now she is very happy to achieve this which is rarest of rare for rural girls.

Awareness on school enrolment



Awareness on school enrolment was given in all the target areas by CRC members

district level women conference



Ms. Ipshita Sinha & Ms. Orlanda Ruthven, participated in the district level women conference.

Access to school for children through public transportation and Ensuring Education for all children



Students from Karappadi, K.Mettupalayam, Ku.Indira Nagar, Alingium, Ko.Indira Nagar, and Pazhanigoundanpalayam are enrolled in Higher Secondary school in Kurumundur. In the way to the school from Naduppalaym Bus stop, there is a big canal bridge lying and students have to cross this bridge by walk daily in the morning and evening after school hours. When they have special classes and late hours, they feel fear and are afraid of walking and crossing this canal bridge in odd hours and this has created a problem for them. All students and teachers have to walk to reach the school in this route and adolescent girls are experiencing more difficulties than boys over their safety and protection.

This has duly been placed for the discussion in Community Support Group and it was decided to seek bus transportation near to school and also bus stop in front of the school so that children are accessing school without any difficulties. The petition has been prepared to seek bus stopping near school so that students can board buses and alight from buses without any difficulties. The petition to demand public transportation during school hours in the morning and evening in Kurumundur was submitted to the District Collector. Within 15 days of submission of petition District Collector ordered bus transportation in the way to Kurumundur Government Higher Secondary School and now is being operated twice in a day during morning and evening to cater to the needs of school children. Now all children in and around Kurumundur village and also other neighborhood villages where Vizhuthugal is working, are benefiting out of this bus transportation and accessing school education without any stumbling block and reach at ease.

education support

R. Malarvizhi is studying in the 9th standard and her brother Sakthivel is studying in the 11th standard. Their parents are working in a construction work as Mason and manual workers. At one point in time, the father of the family falls ill and could not go to work. Since the family was suffering from debt burden, the children were asked to stop education and go to work in a nearby company. So Malavizhi stopped her education and went to work. She also stopped coming to adolescent girls group meetings. This was noticed by the Vizhuthugal coordinator and discussed this issue with the community support group and their family. The community support group in the village relieved them from work. After several rounds of talks, the family was convinced to send their wards to school. In this regard Headmaster of Karattupalayam Panchayat, the high school provided all the support and re-enrolling her in the school and the children are studying in school.



Self-Help Group



The main reason for the formation of the SHG's was to alleviate poverty and empower rural women in the functioning areas. Vizhuthugal help them with the training to utilize their savings and skills create enterprises for income generation.

1550

Self Help Groups Formed

18,603

Members enrolled in SHG

233

Micro-enterprise created

In the past 15 years, we were able to create 1550 SHG's and empower 18,603 women's in the target villages.

Skill training to overcome poverty



Satya, 33 years old casual farm worker and wife of Mr Raja is residing in Indira Nagar, Kurumandur, Nambiyur Block, of Erode District. She has two daughters- Anushya, 7 years old studying in second standard of primary school and Subiksha, 2 years old. They are toiling below poverty line and in very poor background. Both Satya and Raja are working as causal agricultural landless workers with meager wages of Rs 200 per day for women and Rs 230 per day and with this income, they are taking care of their both girl children and sending elder daughter to school. They both used to get work for two to three days in a week and with that poor income managing the family. Meanwhile, Satya's husband Raja started consuming liquor regularly and addicted to drinking habit and this has led to negative impact on his health and affect his wage work with loss of further income. Due to this situation, Satya is suffering a lot –on one side taking care of two girl children and other side taking care of addicted husband.

She shared her poor condition to the Community Support Group and discussed her living and working conditions and escalated the issue to Vizhuthugal through CSG and facilitator. Satya undergone skill training organized by Vizhuthugal. She learned tailoring and now she is able to stitch Blouse and Chudidhars to nearby at her home and able to earn Rs.300-350 per day considerably and taking care of family.

Micro-enterprise support for community support group members



Kaalichamy, aged 38 a strong-minded person from Eakalikovilmedu village, Nambiyur block, Erode District, has set an example for many in the village. Kaalichamy, not a normal name to be pronounced in the Ekalikovilmedu village, many in the village have started to follow his ideas in starting up an enterprise. Kaalichamy has lost both his legs in a tragic incident that happened in the company he was working earlier. Expenses for his treatment were taken care of by the company he was working. After coming from the hospital, Kaalichamy struggles a lot to adapt to the new condition. He sat in his home by losing all his hope. He was supported by his wife Thavamani for almost 15 years. During the implementation of The Freedom Fund project, he got introduced to the Vizhuthugal organization and joined with us in the community support group. He attended all the meetings without fail and used to give a lot of reformatory suggestions in the group for community improvement.

On seeing the condition and talent, Vizhuthugal has decided to help Kaalichamy to start a micro-enterprise. He started a small petty shop in his village with the support of Vizhuthugal. Apart from this, he also helped the village people in receiving the benefits of social security schemes. He had lot of interest in Indian politics, by thinking that through politics we can do a lot more benefits to his community people. He shared his ideas and interest in the CSG meetings and asked the member's opinion on his views. All the group members supported him and his ideology of contesting in local body elections. He contested in the 2019 Panchayat election and won as a Ward Member. His winning as a ward member in his panchayat makes his family, Community members, and CSG members proud and happy. After winning in the local body election, he informed everyone that Vizhuthugal and CSG members have supported him very much. Now he is supporting a few women in the village who were ideal in the home was given a small number of waste cloths to segregate them and supported them in their financial needs



Health



The lack of health care facilities and awareness in rural India, drove us to set up our health intervention. Access to health care is the goal of our health intervention. We try to bridge the gaps in the existing health care network, through preventive and curative health initiatives.

Main objectives of the program is to access through medical camps, water, sanitation and hygiene management, maternal and child health, and infrastructure upgrades.

28

Medical Camps conducted

3

New Toilets constructed

734

Individuals benefited in the Medical Camp

5

Toilets altered / repaired

345

Children benefited in Nutrition Health Camp

5

Safe drinking water point created

Toilet construction in Schools



Under the WASH project, three new Toilets were constructed in Cheyur, Alathur and karukkankattupudur villages of Avinashi Block, Tiruppur. . A total of 854 children benefiting by this. Awareness on the usage of the toilets were given to the students with game based activities.

Drinking water facilities in schools



Access to safe drinking water is difficult these days and installation of RO system in costlier and all the schools cannot afford that. Safe and potable drinking water point is installed in 5 government primary, Middle and High Schools of Avinashi, Tiruppur Districts. Hundreds of school children from rural and marginalized community accessed the safe drinking water point installed.

Medical camp to the community people



Under The Freedom Fund project, migrants and the community people from Nambiyur, Erode District and Avinashi, Tiruppur district. A total of 154 individuals were screened in the camp and 15 were suggested for higher treatment. The camp was supported by Lotus Eye hospital after getting proper permission from the government.

Realizing clean village- sanitation and hygiene

Around 120 households are residing in the Sökkumaripalayam village, But they do not have either individual toilet facility or common toilet amenity in the village and this forced them to defecate in open places. This has created a lot of health implications and hazardous situation for children by infecting them. Often children of the village fell ill due to vomiting, fever, and diarrhea and experienced ill-health and suffered most. People started complaining that since children are playing in the area where people openly defecate and this leads often to spread of diseases and ill-health for children severe health menace.

Vizhuthugal has been associating in this village for the last two years among adolescent girls, boys, women and young women workers by creating awareness on education, health and hygiene including sanitation and overall protection of women. Hence this issue of open defecation was discussed in the Sökkumaripalayam Community Support Group and passed resolution to demand individual toilet facilities so as to address this health hazard. As an outcome this memorandum submitted to the Panchayat under Swatch Bharat scheme, in February-March, construction of individual toilets has begun for all households in the village and now finished.



Awareness on safety and health to spinning mill women workers



Vizhuthugal is pioneered in providing training to the spinning Mill workers in the district. Awareness on Safety measures to be taken in the working environment and taking nutritious food during the work were given by forming Internal Compliance Committee (ICC) in the mills. These ICCs were trained on their functions and oriented the workers about the existence of such forum in the mills to report any incidence of Sexual harassment at Work Place. Life skill trainings and health camps to the workers improved the physical and mental health of the workers



Karl Kübel Foundation for Child and Family officials visited the Vizhuthugal office

Children benefited from nutrition program



access to toilet facility



ALL I CAN DO WAS JUST ADJUST MYSELF LIKE OTHERS UNTIL VIZHUTHUGAL WASH PROJECT.

Pooja who is studying 8th std in government middle school in Alathur shared about new toilet facilities in the school and says that "My house is also located in the same village where there is no basic sanitation facilities and adequate water supply. My parents are working as a former labours they cant afford me a proper toilet facilities but even though they work hard just for our food and shelter. My school is also in a village there is also no proper sanitation and toilet ,I feel so embarrassed to do everything in a public defecation I have suffered a lot on my menses', but I can't force my parents because they don't have enough money my sanitation purposes"

All I can do was just adjust myself like others until VIZHUTHUGAL WASH PROJECT .

They built a proper toilet with adequate water supply in our school ,They have provided us all our basic needs in sanitation and even taught us how to use toilets properly and hygiene, How to keep ourselves and environment clean and hygiene. They also conducted so many games about cleanliness and hygiene We are so happy now its just like that everything was done at a short period of time .Now I am going to school regularly even at my menses' period actually I love to go school .

Thanks to Vizhuthugal Wash team they have provided our basic needs which our parents can't



Vizhuthugal conducted awareness programs to Sanitary workers, sweepers on receiving the Social security schemes from the government and maintaining safety, healthy and Sanitation. Also we are giving awareness on the eradication of Manual Scavenging to the local body members and use equipment and technical Machines.

Rehabilitation of Migrant Workers



For the past 30 years, Vizhuthugal is closely working for the welfare of the migrant workers in the Tiruppur, Erode and Coimbatore districts through Medical, Psychological, Legal and Social activities.

The main objective of this program is

- To improve access to Justice through legal services
- To provide advocacy support to ensure their rights are protected.
- Reduce the effects of poverty and social inclusion among vulnerable migrants by support access to provisions and humanitarian assistance.
- Raise awareness and develop understanding of migration issues
- Facilitate access mainstream provision including healthcare, employment, etc.

32

Inter-state migrant workers received Support

57

Inter-state migrant workers received Psychological support

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