

Annual Report

Submitting organization: Rural Women Development Society (RWDS)
Tiruvannamalai

Reporting Period: April 2016 to March 2017

Brief Introduction

RWDS has been working in Tiruvannamalai district a declared drought prone district in Tamil Nadu. The district has very low literacy rate of less than 30%. The problem of illiteracy is more acute among the dalit women who are victims of caste, class and gender discriminations. Most rural areas are denied of the basic amenities, the right to education, and the right to access to health and health care and right to gender equality. Domestic violence is more prevalent in the district. Women are left to the mercy of the alcoholic addict husbands and suffer from physical violence, desertion and polygamy. These women are vulnerable to sexual violence both in private and public spheres.

The change and modern practices in agriculture have deprived their traditional occupancy and increased unemployment. Unemployment, poverty and starvation have forced many unorganized laborers to migrate to Chennai, Bangalore and other small towns in search of work. The migrated men setup a family of their own in the newly migrated place and ignore to take care of the family left behind. In such a situation the number of single women headed household in the area has been on the increase.

Girl children are forced to be at home to take care of their younger siblings and to attend to the domestic needs. Agricultural lands have been alienated; food crops have paved their way to cash crops. Traditional farming, food and grains have disappeared. The excessive usages of hazardous chemical fertilizers and pesticides not only have poisoned the land, food and seeds but also have increased the food insecurity.

It is in this back drop that RWDS has been working in the district of Tiruvannamalai. The organization has been working in 40 villages of Pudhupalayam

and Kalasapakkam blocks in Tiruvannamalai district aiming to enhance their economic status and thereby to enhance the equality of status of women as participants, decision-makers and beneficiaries in the democratic, economic, social and cultural spheres of life.

This report is a consolidation of activities carried out during the reporting period covering from April 2016 to March 2017.

Area of Operation

S. no	No.of Village	No.of Panchayat	No.of Block	No.of Taluk	District	State
1	50	32	2	2	1	1

Staff

S. No	Staffs	Male	Female	Total
1	Programme	-	10	10
2	Administrative	2	3	5
	Total	2	13	15

Activities carried out during the reporting year

1. Promotion of SHGs and enhancing their capacities

435 families were covered through this program. One of the programs included promotion of SHGs and enhancing their capacities.

S. No	Villages	Total Members	SHG	Total Members
1	20	298	21	298

298 women from the 21 Self Help groups participated in the capacity building programs. The participants were given training for two days of duration. The trainings gave the participants an insight into what sort of viable economic venture they can prefer in the local context. It gave them clarity on marketing and different opportunities in marketing. Further clarification on importance of girl

children education and for gender equality was obtained. Above all the training was useful for them to update information on various types of records to be maintained and about the modes of obtaining and reimbursing loans.

2. Orientation Meeting

Date	Venue	Participants	Narration of activity	Outcome
04.06.16	Kanchi Training center	70	Seventy women gathered together in an orientation program to discuss and assess the need for strengthening the movement and for evolving plan of action for enhancing the socio economic status of rural people. It was evolved that beneficiaries be selected under the scheme of economic support.	Beneficiaries were identified basing on the criteria of BPL people, differentially able persons, deserted women, PLWHIVs and vulnerable people.

3. Village meetings

360 village meetings were held in the operational area. The meetings guided them to get access to schemes and benefits stipulated for the rural communities, OAP, importance of education and the importance of utilizing the grama sabha to access their basic amenities and to keep their village clean.

Venue	Theme
Mattavettu	Awareness education for young girls
Viswanathapuram	Cleanliness
Japthikarianthal	Environmental protection
Nathavady	Collective farming for women
Periyakulam	Income promotion- economic ventures

Japthikariyandhal	Government schemes
Mela punjai	Rights of Children
Kilkuppam	Collective farming for women
Sakthi nagar	Health Education
Periya kuppam	Environmental protection
Mettavetu	Procedures of the Grama Sabha
Gengampattu	Awareness education for young girls
Nathavadi	Panchayat Raj
Kottakarai Anandhal	Income Generation Activities
Vasu Devanpattu	Domestic Violence
Viswanathapuram	Basic amenities
Alathur	Free compulsory education
Oranthavady	Procedures of the Grama Sabha
Alathur	Domestic Violence
Annanthal	Organic Farming
Vasudevanpattu, Melapunjai	Government schemes
Senthamangalam	Basic amenities
Keezh Palur and Mel Palur	Rights of Children

4. Commemoration of International Women's Day

March 8, the International Women's Day was commemorated at Kanchi, Tiruvannamalai. The chief guest shared about the importance of the Day and asked the women to be brave and to insist their children to pursue education. Importance was insisted for keeping their villages neat and clean. Guests of honor were officials from health department. They shared about the relevance of the day.

5. Continuation of distribution of Revolving Fund for economic development

A total of 146 beneficiaries were selected in the first batch earlier year. Among them 13 are widows, 3 are destitute and the rest of the 130 are below poverty line women. The mode of utilization of the loan amount was left to the beneficiaries. Each one could choose the venture of her own. Each month each beneficiary has to reimburse either Rs.330/ or Rs.550/-, in proportionate to the quantum of loan borrowed. Each group is responsible for ensuring the reimbursement. Agreement was entered into with each group by way of adhering to legal compliance.

The beneficiaries started to reimburse the loans as per the resolutions of their respective groups.

Out of the revolving fund till the reporting date 110 beneficiaries have benefitted through the scheme of revolving. They are engaged in various economic activities which are fetching them income and the same has helped them to increase their income and thereby socio economic status.

Purpose of	No. of Beneficiaries
Cow	71
Goat	5
Tailoring	7
Mobile Recharge	1
Provision	10
Cut Piece Sales	1
Mike Set	1
Fruit Shop	3
Tiffin shop	3
Candle Making	2
Saris Sales	1
Clothes Sales	1
Petty shop	2
Education Loan	1
Charcoal Business	1
Total	110

6. Support for Income Generation Activity -IGA

Support was given to women involved in collective farming for purchase of cows under IGA. The beneficiaries were repaying the money in 10 installments of Rs. 3000 each per month. From the reimbursed money, another 35 beneficiaries were supported with an amount of Rs.30000/- each during the reporting period for purchase of cows. The beneficiaries were required to produce documentary supports. After submission of basic required documents, money was deposited in

the individual bank accounts. Each beneficiary was given a cheque to the tune of Rs. 30000/- each. They withdrew the money and purchased cows. Tokens were issued and the cows were insured.

The list of IGA beneficiaries who were supported by rotation money

Name of the Beneficiaries	Village
Ponnammal W/o Uthiram	Ponnangollai
Selvi W/o Rajendran	Ponnangollai
Geetha W/o Mohan	Ponnangollai
Rajeswari W/o Durairaj	Ponnangollai
Anjala W/o Dharman	Ponnangollai
Papathi W/o Madhavan	Kallaraipadi
Sudha W/o Ganesh	Kallaraipadi
Unnamalai W/o Ramasamy	Kallaraipadi
Kamatchi W/o Saravanan	Kallaraipadi
Kalliyammal W/o Annamalai	Kallaraipadi
Selvi W/o Elumalai	Thiruvalluvar nagar
Meenachi W/o Palani	Thiruvalluvar nagar
Malar W/o Elumalai	Thiruvalluvar nagar
Baby W/o Rajendran	Thiruvalluvar nagar
Abirami W/o Ravi	Thiruvalluvar nagar
Devi W/o Murugan	Mottur
Alamelu W/o Murugadas	Mottur
Pushpa W/o Raman	Aananthhal
Ambujam W/o Duraisamy	Aananthhal
Vasantha W/o Mannakatti	Senthamangalam
Ramani W/o. Annadurai	Nathavadi
Sivagami W/o. Govindan	Nathavadi
Selvi W/o. Martin Das	Nathavadi
Jeeva W/o. Muniyan	Nathavadi
Jyothi W/o. Alagesan	Nathavadi
Veerammal W/o. Selvam	New Aridarimangalam
Shanthi W/o. Shekar	New Aridarimangalam
Annakkili W/o. Parasuraman	New Aridarimangalam
Ammayi W/o. Rajendran	New Aridarimangalam
Ambika W/o. Kalyani Raman	New Aridarimangalam

Senthamarai W/o. Mani	Mel Palur
Meenatchi W/o. Shekar	Mel Palur
Kamatchi W/o. Shanmugam	Mel Palur
Chitra W/o. Palani	Mel Palur
Kuppu W/o. Murugesan	Mel Palur

The list of new IGA beneficiaries

Name of the Beneficiaries	Village
Parvathi W/o Rajivel	Senthamangalam
Gengammal W/o Ramachandran	Senthamangalam
Aandhal W/o Thopulan	Senthamangalam
Usha W/o Gothandan	Senthamangalam
Shanthi W/o Paneer	Senthamangalam
Boopathi W/o Kangabaram	Nathavady
Veerammal W/o Narayanan	Nathavady
Unnamalai W/o Krishnan	Nathavady
Gowri W/o Murugan	Nathavady
Sambath W/o Rajakumar	Nathavady

7. Organizing Veterinary Camps

Three veterinary camps were organized, in these camps 165 beneficiaries participated.

Date	Place	Resource Person	Participants
09.07.2016	Training Centre, Kanchi.	Dr.Thangam	105
29.09.2016	Training Centre, Kanchi.	Dr.Thangam	60

28.02.2016	Training Centre, Kanchi.	Dr.Thangam	73
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8. Government Schemes availed

	Beneficiaries From April 2016 - 2017					Remarks/Su ggestions
	Male	Female	Children 's	Ad ult s	Total	
Women Development		449			449	
Economic Development	-	35 Cow & 29 Goats+ 5 insurance Benficari es	-	-	69	
Children and Youth		147	40		187	
Others						
Aadhar Card	9	8			17	
Voter Id	11	15	-	-	26	
Community Certificate	7	5	-	-	12	
Income Certificate	7	5	-	-	12	
Native Certificate	7	5	-	-	12	
NREGA Card	4	9	-	-	13	
Ration Card	-	3	-	-	3	
ANC Scheme	-	7	-	-	7	Rs.12000/- each
Family Head	2	-	-	-	2	Rs.10000/-

Death						each
Widow Pension	-	8	-	-	8	Rs.1000/- each
OAP Scheme	2	5	-	-	7	Rs.1000/- each
Green House	-	12	-	-	12	Rs.180000/- each house
Marriage Schemes	-	2	-	-	2	Rs.25000/- each and half soverien gold

AADHAR CARD AVAILED DETAILS

Name	Village	Male	Female	Total
Dinesh S/o. Karunakaran	Gengampattu	1		1
Srinivasan S/o. Murugan	Gengampattu	1		1
Sathya D/o. Vijayaraj	Vishwanathapuram		1	1
Shivakumar S/o. Shivalingam	Vishwanathapuram	1		1
Priya D/o. Perumal	Japthikariyandal		1	1
Ramkumar S/o. Balaraman	Japthikariyandal	1		1
Tamil D/o. Saravanan	Japthikariyandal		1	1
Pavan Kumar S/o. Shanmugam	Alathur	1		1
Manikandan S/o. Chinnadurai	Alathur	1		1
Renuga D/o. Annamalai	Alathur		1	1
Kavya D/o. Elumalai	Alathur		1	1
Ammu D/o. Palani	Anandal		1	1
Narmada D/o. Raji	Anandal		1	1

Kaviyarasu S/o. Kamaraj	Mel Palur	1		1
Mohanraj S/o. Vadivel	Mel Palur	1		1
Vel Murugan S/o. Shakthivel	Periyakulam	1		1
Nirmala D/o. Rajesh	Periyakulam		1	1
	Total	9	8	17

VOTERS ID

Name	Village	Male	Female	Total
Tamilmani D/o. Ravi	Gengampattu		1	1
Archana D/o. Ramamurthy	Gengampattu		1	1
Mala D/o. Chakrapani	Gengampattu		1	1
Chembaruthi D/o. Shekar	Gengampattu		1	1
Vignesh S/o. Kamaraj	Gengampattu	1		1
David S/o. Sagayam	Kottakkarai	1		1
George S/o. Peter	Kottakkarai	1		1
Raja S/o. Iyyavu	Vishwanathapuram	1		1
Saravanan S/o. Munusamy	Vishwanathapuram	1		1
Rechal S/o. Anand	Burmanagar	1		1
Vijaya D/o. Susai	Burmanagar		1	1
Anitha D/o. Das	Burmanagar		1	1
Uma D/o. Aladaiyan	Japthikariyandal		1	1
Tamilselvi D/o. Kathavarayan	Japthikariyandal		1	1
Vasuki D/o. Munikannu	Japthikariyandal		1	1
Bharathi D/o. Perumal	Japthikariyandal		1	1
Sathya D/o. Veeran	Periyakulam		1	1

Sneha D/o. Pichandi	Periyakulam		1	1
Revathi D/o. Elumalai	Periyakulam		1	1
Bhaskaran S/o. Ranganathan	Alathur	1		1
Elumalai S/o. Kannu	Alathur	1		1
Munikannu S/o. Raja	Alathur	1		1
Shankar S/o. Subburayan	Nathavadi	1		1
Adi S/o. Shankar	Nathavadi	1		1
Jenifer D/o. Anand	Nathavadi		1	1
Sathya D/o. Shekar	Nathavadi		1	1
Total		11	15	26

COMMUNITY CERTIFICATE

Name	Village	Male	Female	Total
Arasu S/o. Ganesh	Japthikariyandal	1		1
Mohan S/o. Velumurugan	Japthikariyandal	1		1
Pavana D/o. Mani	Mel Palur		1	1
Mani S/o. Raja	Mel Palur	1		1
Vincent S/o. David	Nathavadi	1		1
Selvam S/o. Gururaj	Senthamangalam	1		1
Ambika D/o. Raju	Alathur		1	1
Venkatesh S/o. Elumalai	Alathur	1		1
Murugan S/o. Srinivasan	Orandavadi	1		1
Prithika D/o. Kumar	Orandavadi		1	1
Abirami D/o. Mani	Vishwanathapuram		1	1
Divya D/o. Shekar	Gengampattu		1	1
	TOTAL	7	5	12

INCOME CERTIFICATE

Name	Village	Male	Female	Total
Ambika D/o. Raji	Alathur		1	1
Venkatesh S/o. Elumalai	Alathur	1		1
Murugan S/o. Srinivasan	Orandavadi	1		1

Prithika D/o.Kumar	Orandavadi		1	1
Abirami D/o. Mani	Vishwanathapuram		1	1
Divya D/o. Shekar	Gengampattu		1	1
Arasu S/o. Ganesan	Japthikariyandal	1		1
Mohan S/o. Velumurugan	Japthikariyandal	1		1
Bavana D/o. Mani	Mel Palur		1	1
Mani S/o. Raja	Mel Palur	1		1
Vincent S/o. David	Nathavadi	1		1
Selvam S/o. Durairaj	Senthamangalam	1		1
TOTAL		7	5	12

NATIVITY CERTIFICATE

Name	Village	Male	Female	Total
Ambika D/o. Raji	Alathur		1	1
Venkatesh S/o. Elumalai	Alathur	1		1
Murugan S/o. Srinivasan	Orandavadi	1		1
Prithika D/o. Kumar	Orandavadi		1	1
Abirami D/o. Mani	Vishwanathapuram		1	1
Divya D/o. Shekar	Gengampattu		1	1
Arasu S/o. Ganesh	Japthikariyandal	1		1
Mohan S/o. Velmurugan	Japthikariyandal	1		1
Bavana D/o. Mani	Mel Palur		1	1
Mani S/o. Raja	Mel Palur	1		1
Vencent S/o. David	Nathavadi	1		1
Selvam S/o. Durai	Senthamangalam	1		1
	TOTAL	7	5	12

NREGA CARD

Name	Village	Male	Female	Total
Muniyammal W/o. Krishnan	Periyakulam		1	1
Manjula W/o. Manikandan	Periyakulam		1	1
Viji S/o. Ramamurthy	Gengampattu	1		1

Jeevitha W/o. Elumalai	Gengampattu		1	1
Jaykumar S/o. Arumugam	Senthamangalam	1		1
Powlina W/o. Manikkam	Burmanagar		1	1
Vanamary W/o. Manikkam	Burmanagar		1	1
Jayaraman S/o. Vaddan	Vishwanathapuram	1		1
Aladayan S/o. Muthu	Vishwanathapuram	1		1
Andal W/o. Govindasamy	Alathur		1	1
Amsavalli W/o. Shankar	Mel Palur		1	1
Muniyammal W/o. Krishan	Mel Palur		1	1
Sonia W/o. Kannan	Mel Palur		1	1
TOTAL		4	9	13

RATION CARD

Name	Village	Male	Female	Total
Kanaga W/o. Mani	Anandal		1	1
Usha W/o. Bhaskaran	Gengampattu		1	1
Priyanka W/o. Ravi	Gengampattu		1	1
Total			3	3

ANC SCHEME

Name	Village	Remarks
Sarasu W/o. Suresh	Orandavadi	Rs.12000
Divya W/o. Raja	Japthikariyandal	Rs.12000
Sundari W/o. Sagayam	Vishwanathapuram	Rs.12000
Ambujam W/o. Anand	Ponnankollai	Rs.12000
Malar W/o. Manikandan	Gengampattu	Rs.12000
Selvi W/o. Ravi	Gengampattu	Rs.12000
Priya W/o. Sethu	Gengampattu	Rs.12000

WIDOW PENSION SCHEME

Name	Village	Remarks
Devi W/o. Settu	Orandavadi	Rs. 1000
Selvi W/o.Ravi	Vishwanathapuram	Rs. 1000
Lakshmi W/o. Munusamy	Orandavadi	Rs. 1000
Tulasi W/o. Parasuraman	Alathur	Rs. 1000
Selvi W/o. Raja	Vishwanathapuram	Rs. 1000
Unnamalai W/o. Munusamy	Mel Palur	Rs. 1000
Baghyam W/o. Kathavarayan	Gengampattu	Rs. 1000
Buvi W/o.Kannan	Gengampattu	Rs. 1000

MARRIAGE FUND SCHEME

Name	Village	Remarks
Sujatha W/o. Karthi	Mel Palur	Rs.25000/- Plus $\frac{1}{2}$ sovereign Gold
Divya W/o. Maari	Keezh Palur	Rs.25000/- Plus $\frac{1}{2}$ sovereign Gold
Baby W/o. Manikandan	Alathur	Rs.25000/- Plus $\frac{1}{2}$ sovereign Gold
Sujatha D/o. Elumalai	Anandal	Rs.25000/- Plus $\frac{1}{2}$ sovereign Gold
Divya D/o. Ponnurangam	Periyakulam	Rs.25000/- Plus $\frac{1}{2}$ sovereign Gold
Sathya D/o. Kannan	Gengampattu	Rs.25000/- Plus $\frac{1}{2}$ sovereign Gold

OLD AGE PENSION

Name	Village	Remarks
Laxmi W/o. Jayaraman	Periyakulam	Rs.1000/-
Loorthu mariya W/o. Sathyaraj	Ottakkarai	Rs.1000/-
Raji W/o Kuppan	Orandhavadi	Rs.1000/-

Dharuman S/o Ayyakannu	Alathur	Rs.1000/-
Chinmoonji W/o Karappan	Japthikariyandhal	Rs.1000/-
Mari W/o Kannan	Gengampattu	Rs.1000/-
Appasami S/o Durai	Gengamapattu	Rs.1000/-

Family Head Death Support Scheme

Name	Village	Male	Female	Total
Chennan S/o. Vallikkannu	Vishwanathapuram	1	-	1
Rangasamy S/o. Chinnayan	Alathur	1	-	1
	TOTAL			2

GREEN HOUSE

Name	Village	Female	Total
Vellachi W/o. Arumugam	Alathur	1	1
Renu W/o. Sethu	Alathur	1	1
Chinnappappa W/o. Velu	Gengampattu	1	1
Alamelu W/o. Annamalai	Gengampattu	1	1
Mageswari W/o. Kuppan	Alathur	1	1
Vedathal W/o.Rubakan	Vishwanathapuram	1	1
Kasiyammal W/o. Kathirvel	Japthikariyandal	1	1
Selvi W/o. Jayaraman	Mel Palur	1	1
Sharada W/o. Raji	Orandavadi	1	1

Valli W/o. Raja	Orandavadi	1	1
Chithra W/o. Pattusamy	Nathavadi	1	1
Pushpa W/o. Raman	Anandal	1	1
Total		12	12

8. Exposure

Date	Place	Purpose	Total No. of Participants
22.02.2017	Kalvikendra, Villupuram	Exposure	32
04.03.2017	BWDA (Bullock Cart Workers' Development Association), Villupuram	"	31
28.03.2017	"	"	30

On 22.02.2017, thirty two members had an exposure to Kalvi Kendra, at Villupuram. The exposure helped them to learn different methods of functioning of groups especially loan management, economic activities and ventures to be effectively managed by women.

On 04.03.2017, another batch had an opportunity to visit BWDA Villupuram. The Director welcomed the participants and shared the brief history of BWDA. He mentioned that BWDA was started in the year 1985. The organization imparts skill training, family holiday school, health support programs in addition to consolidating the SHGs. They run the programs of Financial Inclusion, Education, Relief and Rehabilitation, women and Child empowerment, Bullock Cart Workers Development, Water & Sanitation, Livelihood Development, Senior Citizens empowerment and environment & Animal Welfare. The participants learnt to maintain various

documents pertaining to meetings loan disbursement and reimbursement and maintenance of daily accounts of the economic activity.

9. Promotion of Children's Club

- Children's Club formed in all villages.
- Children's Club students were attending the Grama Sabha Meetings and were discuss about their needs like playing materials as well as their were planting the seeds
- Streets were cleaned by the Children's Club students
- Kitchen garden were formed
- Children's Parliament were conducted

Summer camp organized for the children's club members. They were given training on health and hygiene, child rights, environmental protection and other important themes. Evening school programs.

10. Formation of Environment Protection Forum

In all the twenty villages initiatives have been taken for promotion of Farmer's club, Women's club, Children's Club and youth club. Potential members are identified and enrolled in sangams (groups).

11. Adolescent Life Skill Education

Life skill trainings were imparted to adolescent children. Permission was sought at the school levels and clubs were formed at school levels. These children were trained on cleanliness, health aspects and other important issues that are concerned for the children. The children are now respecting elders and the language they use is respectful.

12. Promoting sustainable agriculture

Under the concept of collective farming, 4 landless agricultural cooli women and one small woman farmers having agriculture land with water source selected for

this intervention. This 4+1 jointed together and formed as collective farming group. The leaders were taken for a learning exposure to Auraville, where they had an opportunity to interact with the farmer Thomas who has been involved in organic farming for the past twenty five years. At the end of the program the farmers expressed that they could learn from the exposure and it instilled confidence among them to involve without any apprehension

After the exposure visit, they took lease land from their group member and started doing farming activity organically. Each Collective farming group received Rs. 10000 as seed money for initiating farming activities. End of the cultivation period, the benefit was shared equally after paid the lease. Each member got Rs.3000 as cash and also received vegetables for their own consumption.

Under the scheme Vermi rearing programme, bio fertilizers preparation, seeds and saplings, exposure programme for farmers, sri-rice cultivation & demonstration plot were promoted among them. At Alliyanthal village 13 families have started to prepare vermin compost and are cultivating the same. 50 families have adapted organic farming and have started harvesting.

Conclusion

RWDS has successfully implemented the programs as planned and have supported the people to get sensitized on the issues required to make them as law abiding citizens and to avail the government schemes. RWDS has supported poor women to increase their income through economic development programs. We have been associating with government departments, health departments and are thankful for everyone who has been of immense support to us.