

**RURAL WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT
SOCIETY**

R.W.D.S

ECOMWEL – PROJECT

**Project Title: STRENGTHENING FOR DALIT
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP**

Annual Report

PERIOD: APRIL 2014 TO MARCH 2015

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Report of the ECOMWEL Project

Organization: RWDS Tiruvannamalai

Period covered: April 2014 to March 2015

Brief Introduction

Dalit women and landless agricultural laborers of the districts of Tiruvannamalai are being deprived of their livelihood resources due to lack of political will and due to absence of policy priorities of the government. Dalit women specifically dalit women from the district of Tiruvannamalai are the most oppressed and discriminated. They are victims of caste, class and gender discrimination. Caste atrocities, violence against women including domestic violence are rampant throughout the area.

Different forms of untouchability still continued to be perpetrated even though the Indian Constitution declares that the practice of untouchability is abolished,. Due to this the dalit villages are denied basic amenities, the right to dignified living, right to education, equality and entitlement and their very right to survival is being challenged. It is in this back drop that RWDS promoted Dalit Women Movement as a platform for voicing their rights.

The project “Strengthening the Dalit Women Movement” was initiated by RWDS in 20 villages of Tiruvannamalai district since the month of April 2013 with the support from ECOMWEL. This report is a compilation of the activities carried out during the period covering from April 2014 to March 2015.

Goal of the project

Consolidating the Dalit Women movement as an independent functioning platform to realize the rights of Dalit women

Objectives:

- To strengthen the capacity of Dalit women at leadership level through the protection of their rights at different level.
- To promote collective people action on the issues confronting Dalits and women and to create space for Dalit women Movement for effective networking and linkages with the wider movement

Operational area

S. No	Villages	Panchayats	Blocks	Taluks	District	State
1	Vasudevanpattu	Vasudevanpattu	Pudupalayam	Chengam	Tiruvannamalai	Tamil Nadu
2	Annanthal	„	„	„	„	„
3	Kottakkarai	„	„	„	„	„
4	Melapunjai	Melapunjai	„	„	„	„
5	Vadamathur	Vadamathur	„	„	„	„
6	Melnachipattu	Melnachipattu	„	„	„	„
7	Senthamangalam	„	„	„	„	„
8	Nathavady	Nathavady	„	„	„	„
9	Sakthinagar	„	„	„	„	„
10	Periyakulam	Melpadur	„	„	„	„
11	Keezhkuppam	Keezhkuppam	Kalaspakkam	Polur	„	„
12	Melpalur	Melpalur	„	„	„	„
13	Mattavettu	Mattavettu	„	„	„	„
14	Keezhpalur	Keezhpalur	„	„	„	„
15	Burmanagar	Kanchi	Pudupalayam	Chengam	„	„
16	Alathur	Oranthavady	„	„	„	„
17	Oranthavady	„	„	„	„	„
18	Viswanathapuram	„	„	„	„	„
19	Gangampattu	Gangampattu	„	„	„	„
20	Japthikariyanthal	Japthikariyanthal	„	„	„	„

Population covered

S.No	Villages	Female	Male	Total
1	Vasudevanpattu	833	808	1643
2	Annanthal	580	491	1071
3	Kottakkarai	186	176	362
4	Melapunjai	955	915	1870
5	Vadamathur	763	780	1543
6	Melnachipattu	1109	1104	2213
7	Senthamangalam	654	596	1250
8	Nathavady	136	128	264
9	Sakthinagar	93	81	174
10	Periyakulam	750	682	1432
11	Keezhkuppam	861	916	1777
12	Melpalur	1093	1077	2172
13	Mattavettu	744	753	1507
14	Keezhpalur	2078	2083	4161
15	Burmanagar	47	55	105
16	Alathur	540	567	1117
17	Oranthavady	623	618	1239
18	Viswanathapuram	521	567	1067
19	Gangampattu	1022	935	1954
20	Japthikariyanthal	1091	953	2064

