

Rural Women's Development Society – RWDS

Emmanuel Community Welfare Fund - Ecomwel

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Title of the Project: “Economic Development Programme for the Rural Poor Women”

Brief Introduction

Tiruvannamalai district is a declared drought prone district where the Dalit women and landless agricultural labourers are being deprived of their livelihood resources. The Dalit women from the district of Tiruvannamalai are the most oppressed and discriminated as they are subjugated to caste atrocities, violence against women including domestic violence. 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.

The importance of gender integration into the programs was also internalized. Internalizing the need for strengthening the economic base of the women, RWDS has been promoting SHGs among the dalit women of the district as a media for the development of saving habit among the women. Wages paid to the Dalit women are very low and unequal. The existing inadequate health care system deprives the Dalit women the right to health care and treatment.

Unemployment, Poverty and Starvation have forced many dalits 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. Towards enhancing their economic base in the past RWDS provided few families with support for initiating small economic ventures. With these they have been able to achieve tangible results and improve their income. This has helped them 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 year covering a period April 2017 to March 2018

Goal of the Project

The overall goal of the project is to build sustainable livelihood for the poor and the disadvantaged communities.

Objectives

- To reduce economic risks (caused due to the various factors) of the targeted communities through promotion of viable micro – enterprises
- To develop the entrepreneurial capabilities of the people and to develop livelihood activities which the people can themselves effectively manage and which can augment incomes and provide employment in the area.

I. Programme :- Orientation Programme

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II. Programme :-Assessment and Identification

S.no	Date	Venue	Participators	Resource Person	Narration of Activity	Out come
1	17.7.2017	Kanchi Training center	25 Youth	Ms.Buela Ms.Rajammal	<p>Activities of Dalit women were discussed and strategies for availing basic amenities for the villages in the absence of the local self governance were discussed. Following which the need for promoting skill training and tailoring skill for youth, was shared and methods of identifying beneficiaries were adhered.</p> <p>Discussion on collective farming, organic farming practices, seed selection and sharing, preservation and other information shared.</p>	<p>Driving-24 beneficiaries</p> <p>Computer-6 beneficiaries</p> <p>Tailoring - 30 beneficiaries</p> <p>Their documents collected</p>
			35 Leaders			
2	30.9.2017	Kanchi Training center	53	MS.Rajammal	<p>In the awareness meeting on promoting skill training for the unemployed youth, the secretary shared about the importance of skill trainings. She indicated that many youth remain unemployed in the villages. Information on Ac-Mechanic, Drving, Computer, and two Wheeler Mechanic, shared. It was indicated that getting training in these will enhance their employment opportunitites and also opportunities of self employment. Family income will enhance.</p>	Documents of beneficiaries collected

3	8.10.2017	Kanchi Training center	25 Male	Ms. Rajammal	It was shared that the Dalits lag behind in economic opportunities and continue to be poor. It was indicated that they need to enhance their income base and thereby increase economic base.	Documents of beneficiaries collected
4	9.10.2017	"	22 Female	Ms. Rajammal		Documents of Beneficiaries collected

Campaign on Prevention of sexual violence on adolescent girls

S.no	Date	Venue	Participators	Purpose
1	28.9.2017	Nammiyanthal Koot Road	28	Campaign on Prevention of violence against young girls
2	2.11.2017	Kanchi Bus stand	61	Human Chain protesting against violence against young girls
3	5.12.2017	Kanchi Training Center;	76	Seminar on gender equality
4	22.2.2018	Karapattu koot Road	72	Human Chain campaign ;

Objective:

Sensitizing on prevention of violence against young girls and achieving gender equality .

In the program aimed to sensitize young girls and women to prevent further violence against young girls and to promote gender equality 264 girls participated. Studies have brought out that violence against women specifically sexual violence have been on the increase. This is irrespective of the existence of penal laws that prescribe punishment for such crimes. The shoddy implementation allows the perpetrators in this male dominant society.

Women are shown as sexual objects in the social media which give scan respect to women. Women are trafficked under the disguise of getting employment and pushed to sex work. These acts are crimes punishable with 3 to 10 years of imprisonments. However the crimes continue to increase due to the lethargy of the law enforcers.

Sensitization was made with the audio visual aids, banners and songs. It was shared that studies have disclosed that:

- ❖ Every 29 minutes a girl is raped
- ❖ Sexual violence every 53 minutes
- ❖ Women being subjugated to obscenity every 15 minutes
- ❖ Every 9 minutes a women subjugated to violence by husband
- ❖ Dowry harassment every 72 minutes

Livelihood Programmes

I. Skill Development Trainings

a) Driving

The list Driving Students and their Details:

Sl. No.	Name	Village	Date of Birth	Education	Caste	Cell No.	Remarks
1	Ajith S/o. Elumalai	Aalathur	13.02.1996	10 th	SC	8939207408	Driving License Issued
2	Ajithkumar S/o. Sekar	Periyakulam	21.07.1998	10th	BC	9751121563	"
3	Balamurugan S/o. Palani	Aalathur	15.06.1996	12th	SC	9087049745	"
4	Iyappan S/o. Munusamy	Aalathur	12.06.1994	12th	SC	9659509925	"
5	Muniyappan S/o. Manthiri	Senthamangalam	20.04.1994	Diploma	SC	7639496331	"
6	Manikandan S/o. Elumalai	Vadamathur	20.01.1996	19th	SC	9585052438	"
7	Sunilkumar S/o. Jayavel	Kilpalur	10.06.1997	B.A	SC	7695941030	"
8	Suresh S/o. Palani	Aalathur	17.06.1987	12TH	SC	8973170033	"
9	Elumalai S/o. Ramalingam	Aalathur	10.05.1994	10th	SC	9047936301	"
10	Saravanamuthu S/o. Parasuraman	Vadamathur	12.05.1999	B.A	SC	8148098948	"
11	Ravi S/o. Munusamy	Vadamathur	12.06.1991	ITI	SC	8946047426	"
12	Rajesh S/o. Sampath	Vadamathur	12.03.1991	D.M.E.	SC	7200370284	"
13	Madhavan S/o. Udrakumar	Periyakulam	25.04.1999	12th	BC	8940226866	"
14	Dhamodaran S/o. Duraikannu	Periyakulam	20.06.1993	12th	BC	9047387184	"

15	Naveen Kumar S/o. Mohanraj	Periyakulam	15.02.1997	DEEE	SC	9585664934	"
16	Ajith S/o. Arjunan	Nammiyandhal	25.05.1998	12th	MBC	9751124837	"
17	Karthikeyan S/o. Krishnan	Aalathur	16.11.1986	M.Sc.	SC	7373838355	"
18	Tamil Selvan S/o. Masilamani	Adi Annamalai	15.05.1999	12th	BC	9585123144	"
19	Santhoshkumar S/o. Sampath	Periyakulam	10.05.1997	12th	BC	8438461446	"
20	Shanmugam S/o. Muniyan	Aalathur	13.06.1984	10th	SC	9659167730	"
21	Vignesh S/o. Rangasami	Vadamathur	25.03.1997	12th	SC	7418882400	"
22	Seenu S/o. Munusami	Aalathur	22.06.1990	10th	SC	8489165246	"
23	Vignesh S/o. Ramalingam	Aalathur	07.06.1998	12th	SC	9047936301	"
24	Baskaran S/o. Shanmugam	Nammiyandhal	15.05.1997	12th	SC	9751328809	"

b. Tailoring

Brief Report

(Period October - 2017 to March - 2018)

1. Planning meeting was organized under the facilitation of Ms. Rajammal for 47 young girls from 20 villages of RWDS - ECOMWEL Project. The meeting focused on skill training for the unemployed girls who after their studies remain at home.
2. 25 girls were selected from Nathavdy village and tailoring training was started on 03.10.2017.
3. At Ghandhi Nagar centre tailoring training was started on 02.01.2018 with 15 participants.
4. In these two centres inner garments, Chudidhar, blouse and other dresses are being stitched.
5. Among 30 girls, 19 girls from Nathavady and 11 from Ghandhi Nagar centre completed course and were issued certificates.
6. Among the girls that obtained certificates, 8 of them bought tailoring machines and have started self employment.

RWDS met the officer and lobbied for getting subsidized loans for the girls that have completed skill training course. The officer has promised to support them with 30% subsidized loans for purchase of tailoring machines.

The List of Tailoring Students and their Details:

S.N.	Name	Village	Date of Birth	Education	Caste	Contact No.	Remarks
1	Anjali W/o. Suresh	Nathavady	01.01.1986	12th	SC	8489211578	Certificate Issued
2	Chitra W/o. Pattusamy	Nathavady	19.04.1988	10TH	SC	9786374262	"
3	Thavamani W/o. Prabhu	Nathavady	23.05.1996	12th	SC	9786979627	"
4	Kanchana W/o. Sekar	Vadamathur	03.01.2000	12th	SC	8861436327	"
5	Lalitha W/o. Raman	Vadamathur	05.05.1995	12th	SC	7094174285	"
6	Meena W/o. Vadivel	Vadamathur	10.03.1995	8th	SC	9994983561	"
7	Nathiya W/o. Doss	Nathavady	14.06.1990	10TH	SC	9176222669	"
8	Nirmala W/o. Manikkam	Nathavady	10.09.1990	12th	SC	9585664934	"
9	Prema W/o. Vijayaraj	Nathavady	01.06.1987	8th	SC	9159466267	"
10	Poongodi W/o. Ramesh	Nathavady	25.07.1994	8th	SC	8489808170	"
11	Rajeswari D/o. Adimulam	Nathavady	10.06.1996	10TH	SC	9894869437	"
12	Renugambal D/o. Karthigeyan	Vadamathur	17.01.2000	12th	BC	8015840583	"
13	Seetha W/o. Senthilkumar	Vadamathur	09.03.1990	8th	SC	8015204944	"
14	Seetha W/o. Ranganathan	Vadamathur	29.07.2000	12th	MBC	9487452791	"
15	Suganya D/o. Martin Das	Vadamathur	14.05.1995	12th	SC	9047106900	"
16	Thamilselvi W/o. Ranjith	Vadamathur	06.08.1992	12th	SC	7708837396	"
17	Usha rani W/o. Manikka vasagam	Vadamathur	24.04.1985	10TH	SC	8122147657	"
18	Deeparajeswari W/o. Bakiyaraj	Mel Padur	18.12.1987	8th	SC	8098518114	"
19	Rajakili W/o. Kaviyarasan	Mel Padur	07.06.1991	12th	SC	9047540296	"
20	Narmada W/o. Udayakumar	Aalathur	03.08.1989	10TH	SC	9942938844	"
21	Roobini W/o. Jayakumar	Aalathur	15.02.1989	10TH	SC	9715267641	"
22	Renu W/o. Murugan	Oravandavady	07.03.1986	12th	SC	9626150012	"
23	Panchavaranam W/o. Annamalai	Aalathur	04.06.1995	9th	SC	9787600752	"
24	Sudha W/o. Arjunan	Genampattu	12.09.1991	12th	SC	9626046056	"
25	Logalakshmi W/o. Sakthivel	Gandhinagar	29.05.1995	B.A.B.Ed	MBC	9087407229	"
26	Malar W/o. Manigandan	Genampattu	17.05.1993	6TH	SC	8098131496	"
27	Jayalakshmi W/o. Murugan	Aalathur	15.03.1991	6th	SC	9659167969	"
28	Manjula W/o. Elumalai	Oravandavady	04.05.1988	8th	SC		"
29	Kumari W/o. Sakthivel	Nathavady	01.07.1989	7th	SC	8122338988	"
30	Chitra W/o. Aruldoss	Vadamathur	26.06.1977		SC		"

C) Computer

The List of Computer Students and their Details:

Sl. No.	Name	Village	Date of Birth	Education	Caste	Contact No.
1	S. Anjali D/o. Subramani	Vadamathur	14.07.1996	B.Com.	SC	9597627530
2	Dharanya D/o. Varathan	Gengampattu	05.06.1998	B.A.	SC	8489410506
3	Manigandan S/o. Annamalai	Oravandavady	07.02.1998	12th	SC	7373331096
4	Premalatha W/o. Ramachandiran	Oravandavady	02.02.1994	12th	SC	9894309458
5	Sumithra D/o. Kuppan	Oravandavady	01.01.1998	B.Com.	SC	9486202658
6	Thilagavathi D/o. Subramani	Oravandavady	24.03.1998	B.Sc.	SC	9629482293

II. List IGA Beneficiaries

List of Goat Repay and distribution (2017-2018)

Sl. No.	Beneficiary who repaid now	Village	Name of new beneficiary
1	Motcharagini W/o. Jayabal	Chinna Narasinga Nalloor	Deepa W/o. Chandiran
2	Parvathi W/o. Elumalai	Nayambady	Mutthammal W/o. Subramani
3	Lakshmi W/o. Arumugam	Thorapady	Viji W/o. Udhay Kumar
4	Muniyammal W/o. Nandhan	Chinna Narasinga Nalloor	Santha W/o. Ramasamy
5	Bakiyagowri W/o. Immanuvel	Sathiyapuram	Velanganni W/o. Raja
6	Andal W/o. Chinnakuzhandai	Mel Nachipattu	Money Paid
7	Rejibeth W/o. Kamalakannan	Alliyandal	Manjula W/o. Manigandan
8	Muniyammal W/o. Selvam	Alathur	Vimala W/o. Kumar
9	Unnamalai W/o. Krishnan	Nathavady	Jayanthi W/o. Muniyappan
10	Anjali W/o. Arumugam	Mashar	Santhi W/o. Ravi

Milks Cows-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 30 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. Each beneficiary was given Rs. 30000/- . After getting money, they purchased cows in local market with the help of local middlemen. Tokens were issued and the cows were insured.

The list of IGA beneficiaries who were supported by rotation money

Sl. No.	Date	Name of the Beneficiaries	Village	Purpose
1	11.11.2017	Alamelu W/o. Ezhumalai	Mattavettu	Cow
2	11.11.2017	Banu W/o. Renu	Mattavettu	Cow
3	4.9.2017	Banu W/o. Balaraman	Mattavettu	Cow
4	11.11.2017	Chitra W/o. Renu	Mattavettu	Cow
5	4.9.2017	Chandira W/o. Vengatesan	Aananthal	Cow
6	4.9.2017	Chinnapappa W/o. Duraisamy	Aananthal	Cow
7	4.9.2017	Jaya W/o. Sekar	Mattavettu	Cow
8	12.2.2018	Jyothi W/o. Samikannu	Alathur	Cow
9	4.9.2017	Kavitha W/o. Murugan	Mattavettu	Cow
10	4.1.2018	Kalpana W/o. Ezhumalai	Alathur	Cow
11	4.9.2017	Mammadevi W/o. Karthik	Gandhi Nagar	Cow
12	4.1.2018	Muniammal W/o. Perumal	Alathur	Cow
13	4.1.2018	Narmatha W/o. Udhaykumar	Alathur	Cow
14	4.1.2018	Pavunu W/o. Velakasi	Alathur	Cow
15	4.1.2018	Pushpa W/o. Parasuraman	Alathur	Cow
16	4.9.2017	Selvi W/o. Dharman	Aananthal	Cow
17	11.11.2017	Susila W/o. Kannan	Mattavettu	Cow
18	4.9.2017	Renu W/o. Arjunan	Mattavettu	Cow
19	4.9.2017	Renu W/o. Ezhumalai	Mattavettu	Cow
20	4.9.2017	Vediyammal W/o. Renu	Mattavettu	Cow
21	15.03.2018	Sangeetha W/o. Prabhu	Mattavettu	Cow
22	15.03.2018	Rajathi W/o. Krishnan	Mattavettu	Cow
23	15.03.2018	Pudhural W/o. Vel	Mattavettu	Cow
24	15.03.2018	Bavani W/o. Thirupathi	Mattavettu	Cow
25	15.03.2018	Panchathal W/o. Settu	Mattavettu	Cow
26	15.03.2018	Sampath W/o. Rajakumar	Nathavadi	Cow
27	24.03.2018	Magilarasi W/o. Christopher	Sathyapuram	Cow
28	24.03.2018	Karleena W/o. Sathiyaseelan	Sathyapuram	Cow
29	24.03.2018	Bagiyavathi W/o. Devaraj	Sathyapuram	Cow
30	24.03.2018	Theresa W/o. Devasitham	Sathyapuram	Cow

Persons who availed insurance money (cow Beneficiaries)

S,No.	Date	Name of the Beneficiaries	Village	Comments
1	29.9.2017	Sampath W/o. Rajakumar	Nathavady	Sampath's cow died and she received Rs.30000 and got another cow
2	29.9.2017	Vasanth W/o. Mannangatti	Senthamangalam	Vasanth's cow died and she received Rs.30000 and got another cow
3	6.7.2017	Boopathi W/o. Kanagambaram	Nathavady	Boopathi's cow died and she received Rs.22500 and got another cow
4	6.3.2018	Bavani W/o. Gopi	Ponnangollai	Bavani's cow died and she received Rs.20000 and got another cow
5	13.03.2018	Veerammal W/o. Selvam	New Aritharimangalam	Veerammal's cow died and she received Rs.30000 and got another cow

Monitoring Visit

Sl	Date	Village Visit	Focus
1	26.7.2017	Nathavady, Senthamangalam	Assessing the shelter of the cattle, inspecting the maintainance and preventing practice.
2	5.8.2017	Melpalur, Kallaraipady	Discussion with cow benefeciaris and Sangam members about natural farming
3	10.8.2017	Nandhimangalam, Pudurchengam	Discussion with women farmers about fertilizing bio manure
4	6.9.2017	Gengampattu, Oravandavady	Discussion with collective women benefeciaris about vermin compost pit.
5	8.10.2017	Oravandavady, Vishwanathapuram	Discussion with collective womens about seed bank.
6	12.10.2017	Tiruvallur Nagar, New aritharimangalam	Discussion about Seed bank, and distributed seeds.
7	8.11.2017	Mottur, Annai Velankanni Nagar	Discussion with benefeciaris about cultivation.
8	12.12.2017	Annandhal, Oravandavady	Demonstratrati on Natural farming.
9	16.12.2017	Nayambadi, Nammiyanthal	Discussion with cow benefeciaris and visited modern formings.
10	10.01.2018	Alathur, Mattavettu	Assessing the shelter of the cattle, inspecting the maintainance and preventing practice.

Skill Development Training Follow Up

S. No	Date	Place	Activities
1	2.10.2017	Rural Training Centre, Kanchi	Selection of Students for Skill Training
2	4.10.201	Tiruvannamalai , RTO Office	Applied for LLR for Driving Students
3	5.10.2017	Nathavady	Inauguration of Tailoring School
4	9.10.2017	Nathavady	Discussion with Tailoring students about objectives of skill training.
5	15.10.2017	Rural Training Centre, Kanchi	Discussion with Youths about importance Driving License
6	28.10.2017	Nathavady	Visited Tailoring Centre
7	31.10.2017	Tiruvannamalai , RWDS Office	Meeting held with Driving Students
8	4.11.2017	Nathavady	Test conducted for Tailoring Students
9	20.11.2017	Tiruvannamalai , RWDS Office	Distributed Driving License for the students
10	20.12.2017	Nathavady	Discussion about IGA Programmes for women's
11	2.1.2018	Rural Training Centre, Kanchi	Inaguration of Tailoring Centre IInd Batch
13	28.1.2018	Rural Training Centre, Kanchi	Test conducted for Tailoring Students

14	4.2.2018	Rural Training Centre, Kanchi	Sharing Tailoring Student's Experiences
15	10.3.2018	Rural Training Centre, Kanchi	Distributed Certificated for Tailoring Students
16	6.10.2017	ITIT Computer Centre, Kanchi	Discussion with Computer Faculties
17	7.11.2017	ITIT Computer Centre, Kanchi	Discussion with Computer Students about their Experience
18	8.12.2017	ITIT Computer Centre, Kanchi	Visited for the Test conducted for computer students
19	18.3.2018	Tiruvannamalai , Tangedco Office	Discussed with Manager about Tailoring and driving student's Loan for Subsidy.
20	26.3.2018	Pudupalayam Panchayat office	To Meet BDO to discuss about the scheme

Total Number of Beneficiaries who availed Government Schemes

Sl. No.	Particulars	Total
1	House Patta	7
2	Agriculture Schemes	3
3	Government House	13
4	Community Certificate	15
5	Income Certificate	15
6	Family Head Death Schemes	3
7	Marriage Schemes	2
8	Voter ID	8
9	Ration Card	4
10	NREGA Card	5
11	Disables People	2
12	ANC Schemes	5
13	Aadhar Card	21
14	Toilets Construction	22
15	Drinking Water (Mini Tank)	3
16	Drainage	2
17	Cement Road	3
18	Ration Shop	1
19	Street Light	9
20	Cemetery Road	1
	Total	144

Ecomwel Project Operational Area

S.N.	Villages	Panchayats	Blocks	Taluks	District	State
1	Vasudevanpattu	Vasudevanpattu	Pudupalayam	Chengam	Tiruvannamalai	Tamilnadu
2	Annandal	"	"	"	"	"
3	Kottakkarai	"	"	"	"	"
4	Melapunjai	Melapunjai	"	"	"	"
5	Vadamathur	Vadamathur	"	"	"	"
6	Melnachipattu	Melnachipattu	"	"	"	"
7	Senthamangalam	"	"	"	"	"
8	Nathavady	Nathavady	"	"	"	"
9	Sakthinagar	"	"	"	"	"
10	Periyakulam	Melpadur	"	"	"	"
11	Tiruvalluval Nagar	Tambarappakkam	"	"	"	"
12	Melpadur	Melpadur	Kalasappakkam	Polur	"	"
13	Mattavettu	Mattavettu	"	"	"	"
14	Keezhpalur	Keezhpalur	"	"	"	"
15	Burmanagar	Kanji	Pudupalayam	Chengam	"	"
16	Alathur	Oravandavady	"	"	"	"
17	Oravandavady	"	"	"	"	"
18	Vishwanathapuram	"	"	"	"	"
19	Gengampattu	Gengampattu	"	"	"	"
20	Japthikariyanthal	Japthikariyanthal	"	"	"	"

Population Covered

S.N.	Villages	Female	Male	Total
1	Vasudevanpattu	833	808	1641
2	Annandal	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	Tiruvalluval Nagar	650	530	1180
12	Melpadur	1093	1077	2170
13	Mattavettu	744	753	1497
14	Keezhpalur	2078	2083	4161
15	Burmanagar	47	55	102
16	Alathur	540	567	1107
17	Oravandavady	623	618	1241
18	Vishwanathapuram	521	567	1088
19	Gengampattu	1022	935	1957
20	Japthikariyanthal	1091	953	2044
	Total Population	14468	13899	28367

Case Study for Income Generation Programme

1. Kavithai w/o Murugan
Mattavettu village, Keezh Palur Post
Kalasapakkam Taluk
Tiruvannamalai Dist



I am Kavitha from Mattavettu village of Tiruvannamalai district. I got married 12 years ago and we have two children. We work as agriculture coolie workers since we do not own any land. The income has been very small and insufficient to take care of the family.

While so I got an opportunity when I was identified as one of the beneficiaries of *RWDS ECOMWEL Project* to start income generation activity. I received Rs 30000/- under the project of catering milk cows. With the money I borrowed additional money and bought a cow from the market. I took care of the cow and the cow delivered a female calf. I am able to sell 7 liters of milk every day.

I am able to earn Rs. 5000 per month. I use the money for family needs for repaying the loan I have cleared Rs.9000/- of the loan due and I am very confident that I will be able to pay back the entire loan amount and after which the income from the cow will be entirely ours. The income on my side has enhanced my reputation in my family and among my relatives. I will certainly multiply the cattles and enhance the income. I am thankful to ECOMWEL and RWDS for helping our family.

2. Jyothi w/o Samikkannu

**Alathur village, Alathur Post
Chengam Taluk
Tiruvannamalai Dist**



I am Jyothi w/o Samikkannu from Alathur village. I got married 18 years ago and out of the marriage I have two children. We eke out our living by working as coolie workers. As the work was very seasonal we were finding very difficult to take care of the financial needs of the family. I was a regular participant in RWDS organized trainings. When ECOMWEL project support came RWDS identified me as one of the beneficiaries. RWDS gave training to the identified beneficiaries.

After the training like other beneficiaries, I was given support money of Rs.30000/- towards purchase of milking cow. I invested an additional 5000 for buying a cow. I have been catering the cow well. The cow has given birth to a female calf. The cow gives around 6 liters of milk every day. I sell the milk. I am able to earn Rs. 4000 per month. I use the money for family needs for repaying the loan.

The support has made a lot change in my life. I am respected as I am able to earn extra money. I am able to buy clothes for my sons. My opinion is asked. Earlier I was ignored in decisions. I feel very proud and happy. I am really thankful to RWDS and to ECOMWEL.

Case Study – Skill Training

Baskaran S/o Shanmugam

Idukkathur village

Alathur post

Chengam Taluk

Tiruvannamalai district



I hail from Idukathur village. I am one of the four children of our parents. My parents work as coolie workers and with great financial difficulty they support our education. The income is very poor to take care of all of us.

As a blessing in disguise I was selected as one of the beneficiaries of RWDS - ECOMWEL supported driving training. When they identified me I was having license but was not very confident about driving, as I did not have money to get full training. The support from RWDS helped me to sharpen my driving skill and to get confidence in driving. RWDS helped me to get driving badge which entitles me to drive TATA ACE. Now I am driving a TATA ACE and do shunting trips for rice sale. I am able to earn around Rs 500/- to 700 per day.

Ajith S/o Arjunan,
Gandhi Nagar village
Alathur post
Chengam Taluk
Tiruvannamalai district



I am one of the two sons of my parents. My father is a wood cutter which is not very regular work and my mother works in a small hotel. I was identified by RWDS as one of the trainees for driving. I learnt driving and got driving license through support from ECOMWEL supported RWDS, driving training program. After getting license I searched for job and got work as a driver in a vehicle that transports milk. I get Rs.300/- per day. Though this is not a big amount it is very dear income to our family. We are able to have good meals and also are able to save a small amount. Once I am very perfect in driving bigger vehicles I will start to negotiate for better wage and also look for better driving opportunities. I am very confidence of getting such opportunities. I am really thankful to RWDS and ECOMWEL.

Seenu S/o Munian
Alathur village & Post
Chengam Taluk
Tiruvannamalai district



I live my wife in Alathur. I got married one year ago. My wife and I work as coolie workers. As the work is very seasonal the income is not very sufficient for us to manage the family. With the little income we try to make our living.

I am one of the beneficiaries of driving training supported by ECOMWEL and RWDS. After getting the license I drive auto on a hire basis. I get an average of Rs.500 per day. As I have to pay the rent for the auto from the income I earn I am planning to purchase an auto. Hence I have applied for THADCO loan. Today I have achieved this because of the support from RWDS. Hence I am indebted to ECOMWEL and RWDS.

Case Study

Seetha w/o Senthil Kumar
Vadamathur village & Post
Chengam Taluk,
Tiruvannamalai Dist.



I am married and we have 2 sons and a daughter. As I hail from very poor family and married to a poor family I join my husband in work to take care of the financial need of the family. I was identified as one of the beneficiaries of Tailoring training supported by ECOMWEL through RWDS, organized at Nathavdy. I received three months training from October 2017 to December 2017. I got tailoring training completed certificate from RWDS. I bought a tailoring machine and started stitching blouses and other materials. I have improved and I am able to get an order of stitching materials, around 4 blouses daily in the festive days. I am able to earn around Rs.3000/- per month. I am respected in my family and my status in family and among relatives considerably enhanced. I am thankful to ECOMWEL and RWDS, for making my life more meaningful.

Kanchana w/o Sekar
Vadamathur village & Post
Chengam Taluk,
Tiruvannamalai Dist



I was identified as one of the beneficiaries of Tailoring training supported by ECOMWEL through RWDS, organized at Nathavdy. I received three months training from October 2017 to December 2017. I got tailoring training completed certificate from RWDS. I bought a tailoring machine and started stitching blouses and other materials. I am able to get an order of stitching materials. I am able to earn around Rs.3500/- to Rs.4000/- per month. During festivals the income increases. Now I am respected and everyone calls me tailor amma. I am thankful to ECOMWEL and RWDS, for changing my life and my identity.

Chithra w/o Pattusamy

Nathavady village
Vadamathur Post
Chengam Taluk,
Tiruvannamalai Dist



I am married and we have 2 daughters. I join my husband in work to take care of the financial need of the family. The income is not very sufficient for us.

I was identified as one of the beneficiaries of Tailoring training supported by ECOMWEL through RWDS, organized at Nathavdy. I received three months training from October 2017 to December 2017. I got tailoring training completed certificate from RWDS. I bought a tailoring machine valuing Rs.7000/- and started stitching ladies dress materials. As I learnt to stitch chudidars, blouses, children dresses and uniform I get orders for stitching. I am able to earn around Rs.3500/- to Rs.4000/- per month. I save a part of my earning and use the rest for the family. We are able to have good food, better clothes and our lives have changed. Now I am respected. I am thankful to ECOMWEL and RWDS, for giving me this opportunity.

Lohalakshmi w/o Sakthivel

Gandhi Nagar village
Kanchi Post
Chengam Taluk,
Tiruvannamalai Dist



I got married two months ago. My husband is a coolie worker. Our income is not steady. I was identified as one of the beneficiaries of Tailoring training supported by ECOMWEL through RWDS, organized at Gandhi Nagar. I received three months training from January 2018 to March 2018. I received tailoring training completed certificate from RWDS. I invested Rs.7000/- and bought a tailoring machine and started stitching ladies dress materials from home. I learnt to stitch chudidars, blouses, children dresses and uniform I get orders for stitching. I am able to earn around Rs.3500/- to Rs.4000/- per month. I save a part of my earning and use the rest for the family. We are able to have good food, better clothes and our lives have changed. I am respected in my family and my status in family and among relatives considerably enhanced. I am thankful to ECOMWEL and RWDS, for making my life more meaningful.

Rajeswari w/o Packiaraj
Mel Padur village & Post
Chengam Taluk,
Tiruvannamalai Dist



I am married and we have 2 daughters.

As I hail from very poor family and married to a poor family I join my husband in work to take care of the financial need of the family. The income is not sufficient to care of our family. It was at this struggle time that I was identified as one of the beneficiaries of Tailoring training supported by ECOMWEL through RWDS, started at Gandhi Nagar village. I received three months training from January 2018 to March 2018. I got tailoring training completed certificate from RWDS. I invested Rs.5000/- and purchased a tailoring machine and started dress materials. As I stitch chudidars, blouses, children dresses and uniform I get regular orders for stitching. I am able to earn around Rs.3500/- to Rs.4000/- per month. I save a part of my earning and use the rest for the family. We are able to have good food; better clothes and our lives have changed. Now I am respected. I am thankful to ECOMWEL and RWDS, for giving me this opportunity.

Narmatha w/o Udhaya Kumar

Alathur village & Post
Chengam Taluk,
Tiruvannamalai Dist



I am married and we have 3 children, 2 daughters and a son. As I hail from very poor family and married to a poor family I join my husband in work to take care of the financial need of the family. I was identified as one of the beneficiaries of Tailoring training supported by ECOMWEL through RWDS, organized at Gandhi Nagar. I received three months training from January 2018 to March 2018. I got tailoring training completed certificate from RWDS. I bought a tailoring machine worth Rs. 7000 and started stitching blouses and other materials. I have enhanced my stitching skill and I am able to get orders for stitching materials. I am able to earn around Rs.4000/- per month. The income has considerably changed my situation and income status of the family. We are able to celebrate festivals with new clothes, have good food on regular basis, we are able to save money for future of our children. I am thankful to ECOMWEL and RWDS, for making my life more meaningful.

Case Study

Jeyalakshmi w/o Murugan
Alathur village & Post
Chengam Taluk,
Tiruvannamalai Dist



I am married and we have 2 daughters and a son. We are coolie workers and with the income were catering our families. When we were struggling to increase our income, I was identified as one of the beneficiaries of Tailoring training supported by ECOMWEL through RWDS, organized at Gandhi Nagar. This gave a new lease of life. I put in my whole heart in learning tailoring. After three months' training I got certificate of completion. I bought a tailoring machine worth Rs. 7000 and started stitching blouses and other materials. I have enhanced my stitching skill and I am able to get orders for stitching materials. I am able to earn around Rs.4000/- per month. Now I am respected and everyone calls me tailor. I am thankful to ECOMWEL and RWDS, for changing my life and my status.