



ANNUAL REPORT

2016-2017

YEAR PLAN:

On 25.3.2016 the present Executive Committee of SHAPE met at the Administrative office in Vengikkal - Tiruvannamalai. Annual Report and the Accounts for the Year 2015-2016 was reviewed by the members. The E.C members were satisfied. Year plan was approved and programs were planned for the year 2016-2017. The E.C also declared to file the Annual Returns and Renewal of the Society with the Departments concerned. Other two E.C meetings were held on 15.10.2016 and 17.2.2017 respectively and various matters were discussed during these meetings including the progress of Women and Children Development Projects. E.C also declared to carry out different activities like continuing support to the AIDS victims' families, Environmental Care, providing study materials and uniforms to the poor school going children, promoting Women Self Help Groups, Women Training and Development Centres and creating awareness on different topics to schools, colleges and to common public. The committee also advised to improve the CARE HOME for children. The E.C. had also resolved to extend its HIV/AIDS/STDs Awareness Education Campaigns and Women Training and Development Centres in some of the Block areas of Tiruvannamalai District and specifically chosen to implement the above Projects in Kalasapakkam and Chengam Blocks since there is dire need.

INITIATIVES:

SHAPE took up steps to execute proposed plans in line with its aims and objectives towards wellness of the target people, women and children in particular during the year 2016-2017. Several people and organizations were approached for help over e-mail, websites, phones and other means including meeting traders, local clubs and Banks for help. All these approaches helped mainly to run the Women Training and Development Center and to support children including the children of HIV/AIDS victims. SHAPE also initiated the

Green Project in its project areas by donating and planting saplings from the Paramathma Botanical Garden. This garden was established back in the early 2000s as a part of the Annamalai Reforestation Initiative.



The President Mrs. Rita Project coordinator had made visits to number of villages of the Kalasapakkam and Chengam Blocks and met Village Administrators, Leaders of several Women Self Help Groups including

the Block Development Officer and found that implementation of an Women Development is an immediate need since majority of people are lacking the rights and privileges. A random survey made by voluntary youth of the above Blocks had proved the need of the proposed project in their respective villages. Four sewing machines and two laptops were to two Women Training and Development Centers. Three more sewing machines and laptops supplied to both centers between December 2016 and February 2017 with the help of foreign individuals. The expenses occurred towards the teacher's salaries and rents were met with the locals and foreign friends. Continuous efforts were taken up to establish to start the shelter for the persecuted and HIV/AIDS orphan children.



CARE HOME FOR CHILDREN



A Care Home was established for ten children as a part of our Child Development Project 2013 for orphans, semi orphans, children born to PLHA and HIV/AIDS affected children. Most of these children were school dropouts. Their parents have abandoned them to live on streets. SHAPE had identified these children during its field research and proposed a project to establish a care home for them. The children were re-joined in the Government High School, Vengikkal. These children are being provided with nutritious food and life lessons for a sustainable future. During the last year, we have conducted many games and tours for the happiness and content of the Children. The children are being supported with the help of our international and domestic donors. We are happy to see them excel in their

studies. They also engage in various arts and crafts. SHAPE wishes to continue supporting such children.

SUPPORT TO AIDS VICTIMS FAMILIES SCHOOL DROPOUTS AND POOR SCHOOL CHILDREN



Study materials and school uniforms were supplied to more than hundred eighty primary school children and to the children of few AIDS victims' families like Mr. Elumalai and Mrs. Mohana in the months of June and July

2016. Stationeries were supplied to one hundred girl students of Amaravathy Murugaian High School of Tiruvannamalai. Provided, HIV/AIDS prevention and control awareness education imparted to Class VIII to XII students.

Stationaries and play materials were supplied also to other thirty slum children of Pappambady village. Education is a right that facilitates the



fulfillment of other rights, and millions of children today are not receiving this right. To better understand why so many children are missing out on their right to quality education will require a better understanding of the complexity of the barriers hindering children's access to and completion of education. Analysis of the obstacles and constraints, barriers, faced by children both who are in and out of school and not receiving an education helps build a better understanding of the issue and its complexity. Education Costs, Child Labor and Economic Migration are the key ways in which poverty acts as a barrier to accessing and completing a full cycle of quality primary education. Human, Material and Financial resources are necessary for delivery of quality formal and non-formal primary education programs.

A conventional definition of Quality includes literacy, numeracy and life skills, and is directly linked to such critical components as teachers, content, methodologies, curriculum, examination systems, policy, planning, and management and administration. The rights of the child to quality education is prerequisite and to make diligent use of social, ecological and economical resources.

SHAPE “*Child education and health development project*” for



impoverished children including dalits being implemented through four free literacy Centers, enhancing the outstanding skills to attain a successful life. Education will open the eyes of the nation, a key factor in the battle against poverty and is an imperative in regards to solving problems and strengthening lasting peace; helps children to understand the root causes of poverty; gives self-confidence and cultural awareness to respect the culture of others. Equipped with these skills, children will be able to make an important contribution towards poverty reduction and environmental protection of their region. SHAPEnGo is vigorously focusing on the above issues besides imparting basic knowledge in math, science, language and other subjects to help them excel in their studies.



WOMEN CENTERS FOR TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT, ADVOCACY AND COUNSELLING:

Skill development training was given through Women Vocational Training Centres to trainees who come from Rural areas. Two paid instructors of SHAPE taught basic computer skills, tailoring, embroidery, spinning, zari work, basket making, beads and chamky work on sarees and other women's



wears etc. Skill development training also given to Women Self Help Groups through meetings, distribution of notices etc., An industrial visit was arranged for the sewing trainees in a textile manufacturing unit as a part of training. Course Certificate was awarded to trainees who completed their skill trainings towards their future welfare in different occasions. Awareness on cooperation, communal harmony, HIV/AIDS/STDs Prevention and Control, integrity and



importance of child education were highlighted to the women of W.C.T.D.A.C. and W.S.H.G members.

Advocacy and health awareness gatherings were organized by the Executive Director with Dr. Ines M.D., her friends from Canada and Mrs. Jeya B.A., B.L., a local advocate. Three gatherings were held during the training period, during which various issues related to rights, health

and nutrition were discussed. The women were thankful for the initiative of SHAPE.

Mrs. Farhana, a widowed Islamic beneficiary, during the project ending ceremony quoted with tears, “Its 2017, and yet, our women face numerous obstacles because of various factors

such as male domination, denial of education, poverty and lack of guidance. If it wasn't for SHAPE's initiative, God only knows where my children and I would be right now. I cannot express my gratitude in words. I'm happy to say here that I



have joined a data entry centre because of my excellence in vocational training. I thank SHAPE and especially Mrs. Rita for her untiring work towards the betterment of women like us.” Two hundred beneficiaries befitted through this year's Women Welfare Project. The beneficiaries included HIV/AIDS victims, divorced women, widows, rescued bonded labourers and sex workers. After their certification, the women were joined with our WSHGs for further betterment.

LOCAL AND FOREIGN AID:

SHAPE approached the local traders, clubs, educational institutions and foreign friends for help towards the progress of the children education and the women training centres and achieved in getting the same. Donations also received through Grant Orient de France – France to support the poor women. Efforts had been taken to enhance the capacity of the WCTDACs by increasing the number of machines and accessories and to help the poor school children and to uplift the poor and needy communities, and the same was achieved.

These projects were visited and reviewed by local well-wishers, foreign individuals, school teachers and ward councillors

THE MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR:

SHAPE works to systematically challenge structural, cultural and socio-economic barriers through a combination of community mobilization strategies and child&womancentred improved sustainable, scalable and holistic creative learning outcomes and teaching techniques on par with what is available to high income or elite social groups. And to overcome the obstacles that poverty, violence, disease and discrimination place in a child's path. SHAPE is committed to ensuring that all children and women – regardless of gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic background or circumstance – realise their right to a quality education with skills and societal knowledge. SHAPE supports

innovative programs and initiatives that focus on most excluded and vulnerable communities, *chiefly girls*, the disabled, ethnic minorities, the Rural and Urban impoverished children and women *made*



vulnerable by HIV and AIDS. SHAPE is setting up essential learning goals and accountability measures for each Literacy and Women Training and Development Centre, to improve better learning outcomes and offering a whole remedial support to rapidly change the current situation; the parents are unable to send their children for pay schools to get better education. The women are jobless because of the industry knowledge gap. The uneducated women are unable to find jobs because of the failing monsoons in Tiruvannamalai. Women and Children are highly motivated and strongly believe in the outcome focus and individual attention components. The trainers helping them out in clearing their doubts. It is an absolute pleasure to see even the little ones do the Math

sums and the young women operating computers with much confidence. The children are under age 15 and are able to read and write Tamil and English sentences from their text books due to extra initiatives taken by the tutors. Our women beneficiaries include educated and uneducated. Well planned well-balanced logistics, confidence level and excellent academic talents and other performances are improved. The women and children are very courageous and possessing admirable skills in various aspects. This progress is greatly appreciated by the respective Government officials and the children's parents. This project is aimed to increase more of the afore mentioned talents and efficiency to cope with all situations towards their flourishing future.

CONCLUSION:

All the above programs were organised by SHAPE with the cooperation and support of the Executive Committee members, project staff, volunteers, local and foreign well-wishers, law and health professionals, social



workers, teachers, government staffers, village heads and the leaders of W.S.H.Gs etc,. This project report was disclosed to most of the above friends and supporters. SHAPE greets all the above people and seeks further support and cooperation towards its further endeavours. Thanks!

Cordially Yours,

For SHAPE,

Mrs. Rita, President.