

VASANTHAM PENGAL SANGAM – V P S

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2012 - 2013

Preamble:

“VASANTHAM PENGAL SANGAM” shortly known as “VPS” is a voluntary organisation registered under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act 1975. It was promoted by a group of women who is involving in rural development activities over a decade. The members of the board are so committed in rural development activities and dedicated their service for the rights and justice of women and children. VPS is working with women, children, elders and rural artisans for their socio, economic and educational empowerment.

Vision:

“Improve the quality of life of women and children through empowering economically and educationally self-sufficient with holistic approach”.

Registration Details:

- Registered under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act – Regn No: 148 / 2005
- Registered with Income Tax Department under 12A & 80G & holding Pan Number

Project Area:

Manachanallur, Lalgudi, Musiri & Turaiyur blocks of Tiruchirappalli District, TN

Activities and achievements for the year 2012 -2013:

1. Women Empowerment Programme:

1.1. Strengthening women SHGs:

“Vasantham Pengal Sangam” has been working in 22 villages in Manachanallur block of Tiruchirappalli district. It has promoted 50 women SHGs. The total membership is 780 women. The members of the women group are from backward

and dalit community. They are all rural artisans involving in daily wage work like agriculture, livestock rearing, artificial gem polishing, rice mill work, banana plantation, vegetable vending, petty shops, and construction work.

The women SHGs are organizing their bimonthly and monthly meeting regularly. Most of the groups are conducting their meeting during the night hours and the average attendance would be 85%. They are involving in savings and credit activities and discussing their personal and village issues. The main matter discussed during this year was alcoholism, children higher education, availing loan from banks, etc. We have organized workshops, seminars and group discussion to develop their various skills. These capacity building activities helped them to understand the socio, economic and educational situation of their family and community.

1.2. SHG Training programme:

We have organized 4 training programme for the members of the women groups on the subject of Savings and Credit at the SGSY building at Manachanallur. 110 women were participated in the training. The main input of the training was the concept of SHGs, accounting system, savings, internal lending system, loan collection, availability of loans and



subsidies from banks. This training programme helped the women to build their capacity to run their groups with self management practice and confidence. Further it builds integrity among the women members and developed sharing among them. Mr. P. Thangaraju, REDS, Namakal, Mrs. Seethalakshmi, WDPS, Trichy, were facilitated the training programme. The group members are in need of micro credit and we are trying to access credit from external agencies.

1.3. Artificial Jewel making training



We have organized an artificial jewel making training for the group members. 20 women were participated. Miss. P. Sudar Kodi, gave the training on artificial jewel making. We organized this training at Manachanallur SHG building. This programme helped women to produce artificial jewels and market them locally. 4 trained women are involving in production

of artificial jewellery production and market it locally.

1.4. Skill training on Tailoring:

Many of our women groups suggested us to start a tailoring training course. Eventhough we have faced financial crisis, we collected local donations and purchase some old tailoring machines and organized the training programme. We conducted three batches. 72 women were learned the course. The training input was basics of tailoring, stitching methodology, cutting technology, etc. Some women experts from our town were visited our centre and help the trainees to learn the skills in easy wary. The trained women were get employment in a local tailoring and garment company who are producing the women inner dress. They are getting average Rs. 4000 in a month.

2. HIV/AIDS Awareness Camp:



Many of our women group members are working in vulnerable sector like rice mills, plantation works, construction works and gem polishing work. During our intervention we have identified some HIV/AIDS infected and affected people and approaching us for various help. We have organized an awareness camp in Eechampatty village. We explained possibilities for the HIV infected

people from the Government Hospital and other helps from Government and NGOs.

3. Children Development Programme

3.1. Education Support for Poor Children:

With Support of local donors we have supported 16 poor students for their education. We have provided them notebook, pen, pencil and school bag which was much helpful for their education. Still many children are not able to access the educational material from their parents. They struggled hard to continue their education. These children are from our Tuition centres. We expect more donation to support the children for their education.

3.2. Evening Tuition Centers:

To improve the learning skills of the rural children, VPS has been running two evening tuition centers in Rasampalayam and Seethevimangalam villages. We have appointed two volunteers as teachers and pay a small honorarium to them. They are teaching from 3rd to 8th standard. At present 62 children are studying in the

centers. We have supported teaching aids like black board, chock etc. We have good scope to expand the programme. Due to financial limitation we are unable to expand the programme. We organized sports for the children and we provided some sports materials to the centres.

4. National Environmental Awareness Campaign:



We have organized an environmental awareness campaign programme with support of the PEACE Trust, Dindugal. We have organized a seminar for 200 students on the importance of biodiversity conservation activities, involved the students in preparations of biodiversity register on rare indigenous varieties of plants, seeds, medicinal plants and involved the students along with the

community in tree plantation. We planted more than 3000 plants in 4 villages. The plants are supported by the Forests Department, MR Palayam, Trichy.

Mr.K.Jayabalan , Bsc (Agri), Assistant Director Officer, Agriculture Department, Manachanallur and Mr. Sambath, M.Sc, M.Ed, Head Master, Govt. Girls Hr Sec School, Manachanallur as resource person for the programme. The main output of the programme was that the children learned about the biodiversity plants, medicinal plants, local seeds and plantation activities. Many children promoted kitchen garden in their backyards.



5. Organic Farming Workshop

We are working with farmers for the past six years and trained in organic farming activities, livestock rearing, tree plantation, alternative energy etc. Agriculture is the basic livelihood for the rural people. Farmers are holding small piece of land. Many of the farmers are adopting chemical farming system which destroyed the soil fertility. To educate farmers on organic farming, we have organized a 2 workshop at Seedevimangalam and Manachanallur. Mr. Durai, Ariculture Department, Manachanallur gave input on various methods of organic farming. He provided information on various insect population which helps for crops, organic plant diseases management, organic weed and seed population, seed protection, water resource management and farming sustainability. He demonstrated on preparation of Panchaya Kavya, Vermi Compost, Nadep Compost etc. The farmers gained knowledge on organic farming activities.

6. Youth Development Workshop:

We have organized a rural youth workshop at Manachanallur. The aim of the programme was to have an interaction with youth on alcoholism among the youth. In interaction we had information that many youth spend their earnings for narcotic drugs. We explore the possibilities how to reduce the narcotic drugs among the youth. The discussions are going on.

6. Women Conference:



We have organized a women conference at Ayyampalayam village in which 200 women were participated. Mr. 000000000, Prsident, Ayyampalayam panchayat and Mrs. 0000000000, Mahalir Thittam were participated in the conference. We discussed the Panchayat Level Federation activities to access the benefits from Mahalir Thittam and banks. We have organized few games and

distributed prizes for the winners. This conference helped us to get popularity of our activities.

7. Staff and volunteers:

At present, 2 Tuition teachers and 2 part time staff is working in the organization. We have 20 village level volunteers to execute our small projects. VPS paid Rs. 2,000 pm for the part-time staff which is the highest Honorarium and Rs. 1,000 for the Tuition Centre Teachers is the lowest honorarium. We have organized monthly meeting along with capacity building trainings.

8. Auditor

We have appointed Mr. S. Kalaimani, Chartered Accountant, Uma Illam, Malar Salai, Tiruchirappalli as the Auditor of our organization for the period 00000.

9. VPS board meetings:

During the year 2012 -2013, we have conducted 3 board meetings including the AGM. The board discussed the programme, projects, organization policies, finance and future plan of VPS. There is no national and international travel by the volunteers, staff and board members of the organization. The board members are not paid any remuneration / salary / honorarium from the VPS. We paid only the travel for their participation in the Boar Meetings. The present Board Members are:

Name of the Board Member	Designation	Amount paid Rs
Ms. N. Thenmozhi	President	0
Ms. V. Rajamani,	Vice President	0
Ms. S. Padma	Secretary	0
Ms. P. Shantha,	Joint Secretary	0
Ms. R. Anupriya	Treasurer	0
Ms. T. Vasantha	EC Member	0
Ms. R. Sri Latha,	EC Member	0

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We express our sincere thanks to one and all who contributed their time and energy for the empowerment of the poor community. We express our acknowledgments to our staff, resource persons, donors, Officials of Govt. Departments, volunteers, NGOs and stakeholder who supported us for the cause of poor people.

Thanking you.

Date : 23.09.2013
Place : Manachanallur

Signature

(S. Padma, Secretary, VPS)