

# **VASANTHAM PENGAL SANGAM – V P S**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2013 - 2014**

### **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 2013 -2014:**

#### **1. Women Empowerment Programme:**

##### **1.1. Strengthening women SHGs:**

“Vasantham Pengal Sangam” has been promoted 52 women SHGs in Manachanallur and Lalgudi blocks of Tiruchirappalli District. The members of the groups are rural artisans, agricultural workers, and cattle rearers, artificial gem polishing workers, rice mill workers, banana plantation workers, vegetable venders, petty traders and construction workers. They are all living below the poverty line.

The group members are conducting their monthly group meetings regularly. Most of the groups are conducting their meetings at night time and involved in savings and credit activities. Apart from this, they have discussed the community problems like alcoholism, child labour problems, livelihood activities, children education, water and sanitation etc. During the reporting period, we have organized workshops, seminars and village level trainings for the group members. These capacity building trainings helped them to understand the socio, economic and educational conditions of the rural community.

### **1.2. SHG Self Management Training programme:**

In order to run the women groups on independent basis, we have organized 4 self management training programme for the groups. 135 group leaders were participated. The main input in the training was the concept of SHGs, accounting



system, savings and credit, availability of loans and subsidies from banks and democratic function of the groups. These training programmes helped the women to build their capacity on democratic functions and to build the unity among them. Mr. D.R. Chandran, IRWO, Ramnad, Mr. P. Thangaraju, REDS, Namakal, Mrs. Seethalakshmi, WDPS and Mr. Subramaniyan, VEAD, Kulithalai were gave input on

the subject of SHG and its role in the society.

### **1.3. Artificial Jewel making training**

With a view to empower the rural women in income generation activities, we have organized 3 artificial jewel making training for 60 women. Mrs. Lilly Praba participated as resource person and equipped the women in artificial jewel making. These training programmes were helped women to produce artificial jewels and market them locally. Women were enthusiastically participated in the trainings and improved their skills. The trained women are continuing their skill in their homes and market the products locally. The beneficiaries need additional training to produce market goods.



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### **1.4. Reproductive health rights training:**

Due to the degradation of environment and consequent monsoon failure cultivation activities are reduced. Due to the pressure of livelihood the grown up children too are compelled to work in their young age. Due to the nature of work the female children leads towards wrong and multiple relationship and ends with pregnancy. In order to escape from the perils they go for abortion to the quakes, who do it in a rude manner which sometimes leads towards death. Qualified doctors are not available in these villages except PHC. Due to illiteracy they do not plan the family where space between two children is not provided. Also many mothers have 3, 4 children due to unaware and afraid of the family planning. VPS

organized a health camp on reproductive health rights for the newly married women. Through the camp it was screened that:

- Almost all women and children are suffering with malnutrition, anemia, white discharge and eye infections,
- Due to mal-nutrition there is a danger of ill health, abortion and also stillbirth.
- They do not get awareness on health and sanitation from anywhere.
- In the absence of qualified Doctors the people are depending the quakes,

VPS educated them to utilize the Government Health Services for their health maintenance.

## **2. HIV/AIDS Awareness Camp:**

In our project area the major employment lies in vulnerable sector like rice mills, banana plantation, construction work and artificial gem polishing work. Through our regular involvement over the years, we have identified some HIV/AIDS infected and affected people among children, women and men. To improve the knowledge and to reduce the stigma among the target population, we have organized two camps for them. Mr. R. Dhanaraj, Development Consultant were participated and equipped the beneficiaries on the subject of HIV/AIDS. Many men and women are approaching us for their livelihood. VPS is trying to mobilize the resources for them. We have passed the message that various health benefits available in the Government Hospital.

## **3. Children Development Programme**

### **3.1. Evening Tuition Centers:**



VPS has been running two evening tuition centres at Rasampalayam and Melaseedevimangalam villages for the children. Thro this centres we are improving the reading skills and health activities of the children. Two volunteers are appointed as Tuition Teachers. They are teaching from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>

standard. At present 65 children are studying in both centers. We have supported teaching aids like black board, chock etc. We have higher scope to expand the programme to other villages. Due to financial constraints, we are unable to expand it.

### **3.2. Special Camp for Children:**

VPS organised a two day camp for the school children at Thirupanjeeli village. This programme was organised at Thirupanjeeli village, Middle school on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014. 40 school children from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> standard were participated in the programme. Mr. Murthy, CBWE, Mrs.R. Abirami, Treasurer, VPS and Mr





K.R. Raju, Development Consultant has been participated in the workshop as resource persons. They educated the children on health, education, environment and rural development activities through lecture, group discussion, games and art. This programme was sponsored by Central Board of Workers Education, Trichy. We are planning to continue the programme in coming years too to

cover more children.

#### **4. Environmental Awareness Camp – Tree plantation programme:**

VPS has been working among the small and marginal farmers in the project area. The chemical farming practice among the farmers ends them into debt bondage. Low yield, high cost input in agriculture makes them less productivity. Most of the farmers sold their lands and shifted to urban for their livelihood. The traditional farming system is collapsed. Farmers depends the agriculture department for seeds, fertilizers etc. So, VPS aimed to educate the farmers to involve in organic farming activities, tree plantation and to contribute climate change.

We have organized a two day tree plantation programme in the project area with support of women and children. We have planted 240 plants in 3 villages. Through this programme they learned the biodiversity plants, medicinal plants, local seeds and plantation skills. Many children promoted kitchen garden in their backyards.

#### **5. Organic Farming Workshop**

Further we organized a workshop for the farmers on indigenous seeds protection. Because the farmers are lasting their traditional seeds and now it is available in rare villages. Mr. Duraisingam, Agriculture Department, Manachanallur gave input on various methods of seeds protection. He provided information on various insect population which helps for crops. Demonstration was held on preparation of Panchaya Kavya. Hope, that farmers gained knowledge on seeds protection activities.

#### **6. Rural artisans Trainings:**

Education on work safety and social security is very important for the rural unorganized workers, because many of them are involving in construction work and other un-safety work. VPS is concentrating more on their social security and health rights of the rural artisans. We educated 200 rural unorganized workers on 'Tamilnadu Manual Workers Social Security Schemes' introduce by the Tamilnadu government, intended for unorganized workers. We educated them to enroll in the board and to access the various benefits of the board.



## **7. Water and sanitation campaign:**

Safe drinking water and sanitation is important to all the families. But, the people in rural areas are not aware on health and sanitation and still they are practicing the open toilet system. They are not aware the importance of toilet. In villages, mostly the adolescent girls are affected much for their regular custodial. So, we have organized an awareness camp and educated 34 women on health and sanitation at Ayyampalayam village. The resource person explores the resources available at Panchayat Union for construction of individual toilet with subsidy. Through this campaign 12 were benefited from the Panchayat Union through subsidy for toilet construction.

## **8. Disabled workshop:**

In recent years we have started our work among the disabled persons. We have organized this programme, to provide better care, counseling and livelihood for the disabled. We identified 32 disabled people and provided counseling services to them. We insisted the family members for better care and health. It was helped them to access the disabled ID cards from the government.

## **9. Women Conference:**

VPS has been organized women conference at Ayyampalayam village. 140 women were participated. Mr. D.R. Chandran, Ramnad and Mrs. Seethalakshmi, Trichy were participated in the conference. In the conference the issues in the NNREGA programme was discussed. It was resolved to undertake the tree plantation, digging farm ponds under NREGA programme. We have distributed prizes to the winners in the competition. This conference helped the women to build unity among them.



## **10. Staff and volunteers:**

At present, 2 Tuition teachers and 1 Project Coordinator is working in the in the organization. We have 22 village level volunteers to execute our projects. VPS paid honorarium for the staff. The higher Honorarium is Rs. 4,000 pm and the lower honorarium Rs. 3000. We have organized bi-monthly meetings for the staff and developed capacities of the staff.

## **11. Auditor**

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

## **12. VPS board meetings:**

Four board meetings were held during the reporting period. The board discussed the programme, projects, organization policies, finance and future plan of VPS. The Secretary Mrs. S.Padma has been appointed as the Project Director and the board paid monthly Rs. 500 towards her travel expenses. 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 Board Meetings. The present Board Members are:

<b>Name of the Board Member</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Amount paid towards TA Rs</b>
Ms. N. Thenmozhi	President	400
Ms. V. Rajamani,	Vice President	400
Ms. S. Padma	Secretary	400
Ms. V.Malar,	Joint Secretary	400
Ms. R. Abirami	Treasurer	400
Ms. T. Vasantha	EC Member	400
Ms. P.Shantha	EC Member	400

### **Acknowledgments:**

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

<b>Balance Sheet of VPS for the Year 2013-2014</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>	
Opening Balance	4829	By Salaries, Travel & Benefits	102750
To Government Grant	3200	By Programme Expenditure	183516
To Local Grants & Training fees	331265	By Administration	44335
To Bank Interest	163	By Closing Balances	8856
<b>Total</b>	<b>339457</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>339457</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Income</b>	
To Salaries, Travel & Benefits	102750	By Govt. Grant	0
To Programme Expenditure	180316	By Local Grants	331265
To Administration	44335	By Bank Interest	163
To Depreciation	3523		
To Excess of Income Over Exp	504		
<b>Total</b>	<b>331428</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>331428</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		<b>Assets</b>	
Capital Fund	35484	Fixed Assets	27132
Excess of Income Over Expenditure	504	Advances & Deposits	0
		Closing Balance	8856
<b>Total</b>	<b>35988</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>35988</b>

Thanking you.

Date : .2014  
Place : Manachanallur

Signature

(S. Padma, Secretary, VPS)