

# VASANTHAM PENGAL SANGAM – V P S

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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2014 - 2015

### Preamble:

VASANTHAM PENGAL SANGAM shortly known as VPS is a registered Society under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act 1975. It holds 12AA, 80G and Pan Number under Income Tax. VPS is by the women, for the women and of the women. They belong to rural community and have good rapport with the community. They are working for the poor communities to improve their socio-economic, cultural and health conditions. We are working in Manachanallur, Lalgudi, Musiri & Turaiyur blocks of Trichirappalli District of Tamilnadu. At present two staff are working in the organization and we involved the volunteers in our developmental activities.

### **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 of the organization:**

- ✓ Promoting and strengthening women self help groups in the rural areas,
- ✓ Organizing training, workshop and conference for women and children,
- ✓ Running 2 evening tuition centers for the poor school going children,
- ✓ Organizing environmental awareness campaign and tree plantation program,
- ✓ Working with dalit women & children for socio, economic & education rights,
- ✓ Working with small and marginal farmers for promotion of organic farming,
- ✓ Helping young girls for their employment & Helping the children for education,
- ✓ Promoting awareness on water and sanitation in the rural area,
- ✓ Working with elders and providing counseling and dry food for them

## **Activities, outcome and impact for the year 2014 -2015:**

### **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 those who all are living below poverty line.

The group members are conducting their monthly group meetings periodically. 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 issues, 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. They placed their request to the organization.

#### **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 independent function of the groups. These training programmes helped the women to build their capacity on autonomous functions and to build the unity among them. Mr. D.R. Chandran, IRWO, Ramnad, Mr. P. Thangaraju, REDS, Namakal, Mrs. Seethalakshmi, WDPS and Mr. Subramaniam, 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, the organization has organized 3 artificial jewel making training programme for 60 women. Mrs. Lilly Praba, the trainer participated as resource person and trained the women in artificial jewel making. These training programmes helped the women to produce artificial jewels and market them locally. Women were participated enthusiastically in the trainings and improved their skills. The trained women are continuing their work at their homes and market the products locally The beneficiaries need additional training to produce market goods.



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

Due to the degradation of environment and consequent monsoon failure the cultivations were ruined. The poverty in the family forced the children to undergo work in some unorganized sectors. There they are being exploited. They are being paid less for more work. In some places, the female children were sexually harassed and it results in pregnancy. In order to get rid of the peril, they go for medical treatment or abortion to the quack, who do it in a rude manner which sometimes leads to death. Due to illiteracy they do not undergo family planning. Birth interval between two children is not followed properly. Also many of the families have more than 2 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 and other poor health conditions, there is a threat for newly married women at the time of pregnancy such as abortion, pre mature delivery, under weight or over weight of the baby, infant related issues, etc.,
- They are unaware of health hygiene and proper sanitation.
- Due to lack of qualified Doctors the people depends on the quacks who available at local level.

The organization educated them to utilize the Government Health Services which is available at free of cost in the PHCs and in Government Hospitals in order to retain their health and hygiene.

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

In the project area the majority of the beneficiaries were under employed in the sector such as rice mills, banana plantation, construction work and artificial gem polishing work. Through the organization's regular monitoring, over consecutive years, it was identified that some of them were infected with HIV/AIDS and affected with STD. To create awareness and to reduce the stigma among the target population, the organization organized two camps for them. Mr. R. Dhanaraj, Development Consultant participated and presented a detailed lecture on HIV/AIDS, STD and other communicable diseases. The session was interactive and many of the men and women raise their own doubts and got cleared. Also explained the various schemes and welfare measures which available in Government Hospitals and Primary Health Centers for men, women and children. The organization, also tries to utilize the available resource in order to increase their livelihood and live a healthy and peaceful life.

#### **3. Children Development Programme**

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

The organization has been running evening tuition centres at Rasampalayam and Melaseedevimangalam village for the children. Through these centres the children were able to improve their reading and writing skills, health as well as health and hygiene. 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 gets benefitted in both centers. The organization has teaching aids like black board, chock etc; it is aimed to widen the programme to other villages also. Due to the agency's financial constraints, the widening is being postponed. But in near future, the organization will achieve it.



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

The organization has been working among the small and marginal farmers in the project area. In order to yield more, the farmers invest a huge amount in their field by laying chemical manure, and using other technologies which is beyond their capacity. The chemical farming practice among the farmers leads them into debt and bondage. Most of the farmers sold their lands and migrated to urban and go for under employment to sustain their livelihood. The traditional farming system is collapsed. Farmers depends the agriculture department for seeds, fertilizers etc. So, the organization aimed to educate the farmers to follow organic farming activities, tree plantation, etc; practicing these also contribute to climate change.



The organization has organized a two day tree plantation programme in the project area with the support of women and children. 240 plants were planted in 3 villages. Through the programme they learned the importance and different usages of biodiversity plants, medicinal plants, and local seeds. They also learned plantation skill. Many children promoted kitchen garden in their backyards.

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

Further the organization planned a workshop for the farmers on indigenous seeds protection. The farmers lost the traditional seeds and there is a large scarcity of the same. Anyhow it is rarely available in very few villages. Mr. Duraisingam, from Agriculture Department, Manachanallur gave input on various methods of seeds protection. He also provides information on various insects' population which helps for crops. Demonstration was held on preparation of Panchaya Kavya. The farmers input a lot of information to save their plants, seeds and their livelihood as well.

#### **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 low safe sectors. VPS is concentrating more on social security & health rights of rural artisans; 200 rural unorganized workers were educated through 'Tamilnadu Manual Workers Social Security Schemes' introduce by the TN government, intended for rural workers.

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

Safe drinking water and sanitation is essential to each and every human being. But, the people in rural areas are not aware on health and sanitation and still they are practicing the

open defecating system. In villages, mostly the adolescent girls are affected much for their regular custodial. So, the organization have arranged an awareness camp and educated 34 women on health and sanitation at Ayyampalayam village. The resource person explains the various resources available at Panchayat Union for construction of individual toilet with subsidy. Through this campaign 12 of them were benefited subsidy.

**9. Women Conference:**

Women conference has been organized at Ayyampalayam village. 140 women were participated. In the conference the issues in the NREGS programme was discussed. It was resolved to undertake the tree plantation, digging farm ponds under NREGS programme. We have distributed prizes to the winners in the competition. This conference helped the women to build unity among them.

**10. Auditor**

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

**11. Staff and volunteers:**

At present, 2 Tuition teachers and 1 Project Coordinator is working in the in the organization. 22 village level volunteers are working to execute our projects. The organization paid honorarium for the staffs. The highest amount of Honorarium is Rs. 4,000/- pm and the lowest amount of honorarium Rs. 3000/- pm. We conduct bi-monthly meetings for our staffs to develop the capacity of the staffs.

**12. VPS board meetings:**

Four board meetings were held during the reporting period. The board discussed about the programmes, projects, organization policies, finance and future plan of the organization. There is no national and international travel by the volunteers, staff and board members of the organization. The Secretary Mrs. S.Padma has been appointed as the Project Director and the board paid monthly Rs. 500 towards her travel expenses. The other board members are not paid any remuneration / salary / honorarium by the organization. The present Board Members of the organization 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

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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. We express our sincere thanks and acknowledgment to our staffs, resource persons, donors, Officials of Govt. Departments, volunteers, NGOs and stakeholder who supported us for the welfare of downtrodden people.

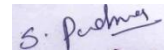
<b>Balance Sheet of VPS for the Year 2013-2014</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>	
Opening Balance	4829	By Salaries, Travel & Benefits	102750

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)