

VASANTHAM PENGAL SANGAM – V P S

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016 - 2017

Preamble: VASANTHAM PENGAL SANGAM shortly known as VPS is a registered Society under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act 1975. It holds 12AA, 80G and Income Tax Pan Number. VPS is by the women, for the women and of the women. The members of the society belong to rural community and have good rapport with the community. VPS is working among the poor communities especially children, women, farmers and other peripheral workers to improve their socio-economic, cultural and health conditions. It is working in Manachanallur, Lalgudi, & Turaiyur blocks of Trichirappalli District of Tamilnadu, India. 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 12AA vide registration Number: C.N.6162E (121)/2009-2010/CIT 17-I/TRY (16.09.2010)
- Registered with Income Tax Department under 80G vide Registration Number: C.N.6162E (179)/2009-2010/CIT 17-I/TRY (16.09.2010)
- Income Tax Pan Number: AAAAV8786D (7.10.2005)
- Ministry of Home Affairs, FCRA No: 076040425, dated 8/8/2016

Project Area:

Manachanallur, Lalgudi & Turaiyur blocks of Tiruchirappalli District, Tamilnadu, India.

Activities of the organization:

- ✓ Promoting and strengthening women self help groups in the rural areas,
- ✓ Organizing skill training, workshop, seminars and conference for women,
- ✓ Running evening tuition centers for the poor school going children,
- ✓ Organizing environmental awareness campaign and tree plantation program,
- ✓ 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,

Activities, outcome and impact for the year 2016 -2017:

1. Project of sustained work & income for poor women supported by RSWR, USA:

With partnership of *Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR), USA*, VPS have implemented second project on title '*Provision sustained work and income to the women breadwinners of the families in 4 villages who lost their work and income due to shrinking of agriculture and allied activities*'. RSWR granted Rs. 2,95,605 for this project.

The villages of Thiruvarangapatty, Ulundhankudi, Vengankudi and parts of Mannachanallur are located in Manachanallur block, Trichirapalli district. VPS has been working with women and farmers in these villages more than a decade. We have identified more than 60 poor women beneficiaries who are involving in flower vending, coconut thatches making, coir ropes making and cover sheet production & marketing (Padutha) in these villages. With support of RSWR we have supported them to involve in their business which helped them for livelihood and regular income.

1.1: Project internalization Training for the beneficiaries:

On 20th and 21st February 2017, VPS organized two day orientation training at its office for 27 women beneficiaries to internalize the project activities. Mrs. S. Padma, Project Director, VPS facilitated the training. Mr. K.R. Raju, Project Director, VDC oriented the beneficiaries one how to utilize the grant amount to involve in their selected trades. He explained the beneficiaries on selection of trade, establishment of trade, purchase of materials on collective basis, production, and marketing, price fixing with margin / profit, reinvestment and financial control on their business. On completion of the training, VPS paid Rs. **255050** as grant through cheque to 27 beneficiaries.

1.2: Flower vending:

VPS identified 5 very poor women beneficiaries at Thiruvarangappatty village and involved them in the training process. The beneficiaries lost the employment in agriculture and interested in flower vending. VPS supported each Rs. 8,010 for 5 women and total grant paid Rs. 40,050. The supported women are involving in flower vending nearby villages and now earning average Rs. 180 per day. They buy flowers in Srirangam market in the morning and knit it at home and will sell the same in the evening nearby villages. Everyone have their own customers.

1.3: Coconut thatches making

Ulunthankudi village is located on the banks of canal near Manachanallur. The beneficiaries are from scheduled caste community. Due to failure employment in agriculture they search alternative employment and they are interested in thatches knitting and we supported each Rs. 8,300 for 10 women. They are buying the

materials collectively and knit the thatches and sell it collectively and shared their income. Now the beneficiaries are earning an assured income Rs. 200 per day.

1.4: Coir rope making:

We have supported for 4 women beneficiaries at Vengangudi village to involve in coir rope making business. There few small coir rope industries in the village and the beneficiaries worked in that industries and now involving independently in coir rope making. We paid grant Rs. 10,900 each for women beneficiaries and now they are earning Rs. 200 average per day.

1.5: Cover sheet production

VPS support for 8 women to involve in cover sheet production. The beneficiaries are living adjacent to Manachanallur. The project area is famous for rice production and need lot of cover sheets. Each beneficiary received Rs. 11050 and we supported 8 women beneficiary. The beneficiaries purchased the cover bags from the market and make it cover sheets and soled to rice sellers and farmers. They are getting average Rs. 210 per day as wages for their work. This is sustainable work for them which gives them regular employment and income.

1.6: Skill up-gradation training in coconut thatches making:

We have organized two day training on coconut thatches making for 22 women beneficiaries at Ulunthankudi village on 30th and 31st March 2017. The training covered the topics on entrepreneur's development skills, financial control and practical training on coconut thatches knitting work. Mrs. Vijalakshmi, one of the beneficiaries trained the group members on coconut leaves knitting.

1.7: Monthly Meeting:

The beneficiaries are organizing the monthly meetings and VPS plays facilitating role. The Project Director, Mrs. S. Padma participating and facilitating the monthly meetings. The beneficiaries are sharing their development, hurdles, problems faced, how they solved the problems, marketing techniques and other aspects related to their trade.

2. Women Empowerment Program:

1.1. Self Help Group Management Training:

“Vasantham Pengal Sangam” has been working with women for their socio, economic, educational and cultural development in Manachanallur block of Tiruchirappalli District. It has promoted strong community based organisations for children, women and farmers. For women it has promoted Women Self Groups for women in the rural villages. So far it has promoted 58 women groups and the total membership is 980 women. We have conducted proper training on group management for functioning

with democratic principles. The groups are involving in their routine work like conducting monthly meetings, savings and credit activities, bank linkage, attending in training programmes and other rural development programmes. During this reporting period we have conducted a training programme on SHG management on 20th April 2016 at our office. 22 women leaders were participated. We trained them on the following aspects.

- ✓ Women self help group formation producers, code of conduct of group members, monthly meetings, bank linkages, record maintenance,
- ✓ Roles and responsibilities of group members, resolving methods of members' conflict, maintenance of various records

Mrs. S. Padma, Project Director of VPS trained the group members. This training program helped the women leaders to build their capacity on autonomous functions of the groups, build their unity and helped them to access bank finance for their livelihood activities.

2.2. Door Mat Weaving Training for Women:

In hosiery industries at Erode, Karur and Tirupur, the waste cloths are dumped in the canal, rivers, and ditches and fired and it causes for environmental pollutions. Later these wastes are converted with some other products and one of the main product door mats.

VPS believes that strong livelihood activities of women will enhance the women's empowerment. Financial, economical and social empowerment of women will lies in their income. So, we have organized a door mat weaving training for 20 with their training fees support. Mr. S. Kannan, trainer in Door mat weaving from Manachanallur trained the women in door mat for 4 days. The women learned production methods different sizes of door mats and marketing methods. The trained women needs financial supports establish the business. We are training financial support for them.

2.3. Tailoring Training:

In order to improve the skills of women, we have organized 15 day training on tailoring. We have identified women who know the tailoring partially through our volunteers and organized this training at Manachanallur on 17th October 2016. Mrs. Lilly Praba, Arts and Crafts Trainer trained the women on various aspects of tailoring work and machine management. The training includes blouse and chudidar stitching for women and girls. This training helped women to understand the basics of tailoring work, cutting and stitching methods. We hope that this training will help women to get more employment and to increase their income. We have trained 20 women and collected training fees from them and spent it for the training.

3. Children Programme - Evening Tuition Centers:

For the past 7 years VPS has been running two evening tuition centre for the poor rural children at Rasampalayam and Melaseedevimangalam with support of volunteers. Mrs. Arivuvzhi, from Rasampalayam village and Mrs. ----- from

Melasedevimangalam village are running the evening tuition centre. VPS has been paying a small incentive for these volunteers. Through these centres, the teachers are helping the students to improve their writing and reading skills. Further we have organised some moral classes, health classes, sports program for the students. Students bellow 11 years are studying in these centres and the centres are conducted from 5 pm to 7 pm. VPS provided some study materials for these students. At present 52 children gets benefit in both centers.

4. Farmers Training on organic farming:

VPS organized a training program for farmers on organic cultivation on 22nd January 2017 at Konalai village in which 23 farmers were participated. Mr. Manoharan, Retd officer, Agricultural Department trained the farmers on the techniques of organic farming. He explained the farmers on preparation of vermi compost, preparation of organic pest controls, water conservation methods and seed protection. It was nice program for the farmers and they interested in learning process. Due to serve drought in the state they are unable to apply the training inputs in full fledge. Very few farmers are applying the farm compost in their vegetable production.

5. Auditor

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

6. 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 conducted monthly meetings for the staff to develop the capacity.

7. VPS board meetings:

During the reporting period we have conducted 5 EC and one general body meeting. 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. 1,500 towards her travel expenses. The board members are not paid any remuneration / salary / honorarium by the organization expect travel for their participation in the board meetings. The present Board Members of the organization are:

Name of the Board Member	Designation
Ms. N. Thenmozhi	President
Ms. V. Rajamani,	Vice President
Ms. S. Padma	Secretary
Ms. V.Malar,	Joint Secretary
Ms. R. Abirami	Treasurer
Ms. T. Vasantha	EC Member

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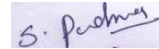
We express our sincere thanks to one and all who contributed their time and energy for the empowerment of the poor. We express our sincere thanks and acknowledgment to our staffs, resource persons, donors, Officials of Govt. Departments, volunteers, NGOs and stakeholder who supported us for the welfare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

Balance Sheet of VPS for the Year 2016-2017			
Receipts		Payments	
Opening Balance	8856	By Salaries, TA & Benefits	157496
To Government Grant	0	By Program Expenditure	179778
To Local Grants & Training fees	379340	By Administration	39115
To Bank Interest	145	By Closing Balances	11952
Total		Total	
Expenditure		Income	
To Salaries, Travel & Benefits	157496	By Govt. Grant	0
To Program Expenditure	179778	By Local Grants	379340
To Administration	39115	By Bank Interest	145
To Depreciation	2896		
To Excess of Income Over Exp	200		
Total	379485	Total	379485
Liabilities		Assets	
Capital Fund	35987	Fixed Assets	24235
Excess of Income Over Expenditure	200	Advances & Deposits	0
		Closing Balance	11952
Total	36187	Total	36187

Thanking you.

Date : 31/07/2017
Place : Manachanallur

Signature



(S. Padma, Secretary, VPS)