

VASANTHAM PENGAL SANGAM –V P S

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

Preamble:

VASANTHAM PENGAL SANGAM shortly known as **VPS** is a registered Society under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act 1975. It holds 12AA, 80G, Pan Number, FCRA registration and Darpan registration, GuideStar registration GSN: 1371. VPS is by the women, for the women and of the women. The members of the VPS belong to rural community and have good rapport with the community specifically children, youth, women, farmers and other peripheral workers. VPS is working for the poor communities to improve their socio-economic, cultural, education and health conditions. We are working in Manachanallur and Turaiyur blocks of Trichirappalli District of Tamilnadu. It is involving its volunteers in developmental activities.

Legal Entity:

- Registered under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act. Reg. No. 148 / 2005 dated 7th Oct 20
- Registered with Income Tax Department under 12AA vide registration Number:C.N.6162E (121)/2009-2010/CIT 17-I/TRY (16.09.2010)
- 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)
- FCRA registration number:076040425
- NGO darpan registration number:TN/2017/0164833

Vision: “Improved quality of life of children and women in an empowered community”

Working area:

Country : India
State : Tamilnadu,
District : Tiruchirappalli
Blocks : Manachanallur & Turaiyur
Total villages: 36
Total families: 6000

Activities, outcome and impact for the year 2020-2021:

I. Foreign Contribution Projects:

1. Project of Alternative Marketing and Income Generation for Women:

As part of capacity building training, VPS organized trainings for staff, volunteers and its board members on risk management, documentation and reporting skills. Further trained, to use Smartphone tools, voice communication, messaging, using calculator, WhatsApp, Google search and reading the news etc. The monthly review meetings were used as occasions to do this training.

The board met four times during the reporting period. The agenda was mostly staff capacity building, opening the new FCRA bank account at New Delhi (compliance with government rules since Sept.2020) and FCRA renewal process (to be done every five years) and programs. Due to Covid19 and the lockdowns, we were challenged to undertake the usual community mobilization activities as these were deemed unsafe to people. So, earlier this year, we held training programs with smaller groups of about 15 women observing Covid19 precautions. Community women were trained on the alternative marketing, selection of products, basics of working in an FPO (Farmers' Producers' Organization, a kind of cooperative with tax benefits under Indian law). Our staff spent most of the time in meeting with the women through home visits, observing social distancing, as people were afraid to gather in groups. Most of the work involved keeping up the morale of our members as many were affected by loss of livelihoods and/or loss of family members on account of Covid19.

Covid 19: Emergency response: With the support of WomenFirst, we gave relief rations for one month to 80 families who lost their breadwinners to Covid19. Our staff also engaged in awareness training for SHG women and their families, dispelling myths about Covid19 and reinforcing government messages on safe behaviour during the pandemic. Our staff persuaded them to take the Covid19 vaccine as many rumours floated. The taluk administration organised the immunization program for every Sunday and we motivated people to get vaccinated. During the reporting period;

- ✓ 5 staff and 5 Board members were trained. 630 SHG members and families were approached through home visits by our staff and volunteers,
- ✓ 80 Covid19 affected SHG members' families were assisted with dry ration kit support worth Rs.2000 (\$28.57) each for one month. 24 of them were women-headed households.
- ✓ 680 SHG members have borrowed to survive,
- ✓ VPS members intervened in gender-based help at home level during the year.
- ✓ 2400 community members received messages of safety precautions during Covid to took Covid19 vaccine shots because of our persuading them,

2. Income Generation Project for Women:

We have credible partnership with **Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR)**, USA, from 2014. They have supported three projects for sustainable income development of women. In total we have supported 83 poor women for their income generation activities. During this year we have implemented the income generation

project in Andipatti village in Oothankarai block, Thiruvannamalai district. We have supported for 30 women to establish petty shops and flower vending activities. RSWR supported INR 296,929 in January 2020 for this project. We have conducted orientation training for the beneficiaries and arranged the grant distribution function at the same village. We have implemented this project in association with “Welfare Trust” which is functioning in that area. We have completed this project now.

3. Project of Covid 19:

3.1. Project of Covid 19 Victims:

The Women First International Fund, USA supported for the covid 19 victims to prevent them from starvation. They supported \$ 4000 for providing each, 25 kg cooking rice, Rs. 400 worth Groceries and Rs. 500 worth sanitaizers for 80 families. We have implemented this project at Konalai, Kalpalayam, Gandigiramam, Keelapatti, Manpidimangalam, Inam Kalpalayam, Meelasedevimangalam,



Manachanallur, Nangamangalasathiram villages in Manachanallur block. We have purchased the food materials on bulk basis and clean it and repacked and distributed to the beneficiaries. Mr. Senthil Kumar, Senior Manager, Bank of Baroda, Manachanallur has kindly participated as guest and distributed the relief materials for the Covid 19 victims.

3.2. Pollination Project Fund for Covid 19 victims:

VPS was able to create awareness on COVID-19 infections and the importance of using fabric masks, sanitizers and keeping individual distance as preventive measures against COVID-19 infections among 500 members of 35 women SHGs. Through them it educated to their family members located in the villages of Konalai, Gandhigramam, Melasedevimangalam and Manachanallur. It involved four women tailors from four women SHGs and stitched 2,000 reusable (washable) three-layer fabric masks and provided income to the unemployed women tailors during the lockdown period. Each woman tailor earned an average income of INR 1500 for stitching 500 masks each. VPS distributed these fabric masks in four different colours to each family to keep the identity of individual masks used by family members. It covered a total of 500 families in four villages benefiting 2000 persons in total. It also procured 500 bottles of sanitizers and 150 soaps for hand washing and distributed to 500 women members of SHGs benefiting 2000 persons.



II. Project of Local Contribution:

1. SHG Training programs:

“Vasantham Pengal Sangam” has been working with women for their socio, economic, educational and cultural development in Manachanallur block of Tiruchirappalli District. It has been promoting grassroots-based community based organizations enabling children, women and farmers to come together, to discuss together and to address their problems together.

VPS is promoting women Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the villages with all necessary skills to run the women groups. We have conducted need-based training programs like group management for effective functioning of SHGs with democratic principles. These SHGs involve in their routine works like, conducting monthly meetings, savings and credit mobilization, bank linkages, participating in training programs and other rural development programs. During this reporting period, VPS conducted SHG management trainings, Savings and credit trainings, members and animators trainings at Keelapatty, Thillampatti, Solanganallur and Konalai villages respectively. Totally 128 women were participated. The main input in the training was; .

- ✓ Women self help group, formation of producers’ groups, code of conduct of group members, monthly meetings, bank linkages, record maintenance, etc.
- ✓ Roles and responsibilities of group members, conflict resolutions, maintenance of various records, etc.

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

2. Support for children education:

VPS supported 12 students to access education tools like pen, pencil, geometric box, etc. We distributed these materials on 3rd December 2020 at our office. Mrs. S.Padma donated for this cause.

3. Women and Adolescent health education training:

VPS organized a health education training at Meelasedevimangalam village on 11th October 2020 in which 60 women from 5 women groups were participated. It is general health education training for the general public passing message on Covid 19 precautions methods, dengue awareness and rural cleanliness. Mr. Mahalakshmi, BSc, Nursing trained the women.

4. Farmers training on natural farming:

Farmer’s training was organized on 13th November 2020 at Meelasedevi mangalam village in which 19 farmers were participated. We educated the farmers on organic

farming principles, avoiding the chemical input in the farm lands. We trained on production of vermicompost, farm compost etc.

5. Environmental awareness campaign:

Environmental awareness camp was conducted at Chennakarai village on 18th November 2020 in which 28 women were participated. We educated the women on importance of using cloth bags, to avoid plastics, giving the waste by diving solid and other wastes to the waste collector at the villages. We have also organized health awareness camp at the same village on 15th February 2021. 25 women were participated. It is a general health education camp for the rural people.

6. Women's' day celebration:

We have celebrated the women's day on 10th March 2021 at Meelaseedivimangalam village. Women from Nangamangala sathiram, InamKalpalayam, Manachanallur, Samayapuram were participated. Women celebrated the with great enthusiasm and conducted various competitions among them and we distributed the gifts for the winners.

7. Auditor

VPS appointed Mr. S. Kalaimani, Chartered Accountant, Uma Illam, Malar Salai, Tiruchirappalli as the Auditor for the financial year to audit the accounts of VPS.

8. VPS board meetings:

During the reporting period, VPS had five Executive Committee (EC) meetings and one General Body meeting. The EC discussed the on-going projects, policies, and finance and future plans of action. The board members are not paid any honorarium /salary / remuneration for their service and all are honorary members in the society. The present Board Members of the organization are:

Name of the Board Member	Designation
Mrs. N.Thenmozhi,	President
Mrs. R. Kanjana, BA	Vice President
Mrs. S.Padma, M.Com, MSW, DCA	Secretary
Mrs.M.Bakkialakshmi	Joint Secretary
Mrs. R. Abirami, MBA	Treasurer
Mrs. P.Santha,	EC Member
Mrs. V. Malar	EC Member

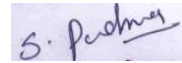
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We express our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who contributed their time and energy for the empowerment of rural poor. VPS express its thanks to RSWR, USA, Womenfirst International fund, USA, Pollination Project, USA, who contributed grants for the social empowerment of poor. We further acknowledge our staffs, resource persons, local donors, government officials, volunteers, bankers, mass media professionals, NGOs and key stakeholders who supported it for the welfare of the downtrodden.

Thanking you.

Signature

Date : /9/2021



Place : Manachanallur

(S. Padma, Secretary, VPS)