

## VASANTHAM PENGAL SANGAM –V P S

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### ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022

#### **Preamble:**

VASANTHAM PENGAL SANGAM shortly known as VPS is a voluntary service organisation registered under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act 1975. It holds 12AA, 80G, PAN Number, FCRA registration and Darpan registration and Guide Star registration. 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 its developmental activities.

#### **Legal Entity:**

- Registered under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act. Reg. No. 148 / 2005 dated 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 20
- Registered with Income Tax Department under 12AA vide unique registration Number: AAAAV8786DE20094
- 80G vide Unique Registration Number: AAAAV8786DF20092
- 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, Lalgudi & Turaiyur  
Total villages: 36  
Total families: 6000

**Activities, outcome and impact for the year 2021-2022:**

**I. Foreign Contribution Projects:**

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

The visibility of the Vasantham Pengal Sangam has little more increased in 2022. We have helped the women and provide grant support to open three community shops one for purely food materials and provisions and another two shops for cattle feed and food materials. Through these shops the self help group women are supporting fodders and food materials for the community for fair price. They buy the food grains and clean and pack it for the community. They get small margin and it is shared among them an annual basis.

Through the membership campaigns we have enrolled 350 members in Farmers Producer Company. The women group members gets strong knit among themselves through the training programs, women conference, membership campaign etc.

- The "Community food gain shop" was opened by the women self help groups at Manachanallur, Salapatty and Solanganallur villages with grant support from Womenfirst International. They also invest additionally. All the shops are running by the women groups at the villages and we strongly monitoring the shops and help them for mobilization of finance and helping in marketing and accounting.



- We conducted workshops, trainings, village level campaigns on gender justice, enhancing economic empowerment skills and marketing skills, capacity building trainings on business management, consumerism, customer satisfaction, organic food products etc. We covered 110 women

- group members under these training programs.
- Adolescent girls are covered under development rights of adolescent girls. Under these training programs we covered living rights, growing rights, education rights and participation rights.



- On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 we conducted Women's day celebration on the topic of "Women Equality and livelihood Conference" at Keelapatty village. 340 women were participated. Our Member of Legislative Assembly Mr. Kathiravan, local leaders, local NGOs, Women Federation leaders and

government officials were participated.

- An exposure visit was organised at ROSE Society, Pudukkottai and Organic Agricultural Producer Company Ltd at Pudukkottai and 22 women were participated. They learned on production of value added products from the minor millets mostly concentrating on eatable items with different taste. The women learned the basics of value added products and consumer taste.



- Womenfirst international fund, USA supported for our women who loss their employment and income during the covid 19. As part of Covid 19 relief activities we helped rice, provisions, vegetables and biscuits for 150 families who directly affected in Covid 19 in 4 villages in our working area. Our partners are Women First

(75) and Pollination Project (75).

- District level NGO collective meetings are facilitated in association with Tamilnadu Voluntary Health Association and Social Action Movement in which more than 20 NGOs were participated.
- The Womenfirst international fund, USA is supporting to this project for the past two years.

## 2. Covid 19 relief activities:

VPS supplied rice, vegetables, cooking provisions to 80 families who affected by COVID 19. This small support helped them to release from starvation for a month. We provide moral counselling through



## **II. Projects of Local Contribution:**

### **1. SHG Self Management Training programs:**

“Vasantham Pengal Sangam” has been promoted 280 women SHGs in Manachanallur, Turaiyur 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.



In order to run the women groups on independent basis, we have organized 4 self management training program for the groups. 155 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 programs helped the women to build their capacity on autonomous functions and to build the unity among them. Mr. P. Thangaraju, REDS, Namakal, Mrs. Seethalakshmi, WDPS were facilitated each one training program ..

### **2. Adolescent health education training:**

VPS have conducted an adolescent health education training program on the general health practice at Meelasedevimangalam villages. 48 adolescent girls were participated. Mrs. Mahalakshmi, Bsc (staff nurse)), Health Nurse, trained the women on the general care of health practice.

### **3. Organic farming training for farmers:**

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

mobile for 65 families on a weekly basis and advised them to adopt the COVID-19 prevention methods. 80 families prevented from debt bondage. 80 families will get guidance to get additional benefits from Government and others.

**Case Study:**

Mrs. Latha (32) W/o Maheswaran belongs to Scheduled Caste community residing at Melasedevimangalam village. She was a young widow and married Mr. Maheswaran. She has a girl child. Mr. Maheswaran was addicted to narcotic drugs. She is a member of Roja Women Self Help Group and involved in savings. Through the group's internal loan she leased ½ acre of land and cultivated paddy and black gram and harvested 310 kg of black gram and sold 250 kg to the Farmer's Producer Company and retained the balance for her family use. She said, "I had to stock for a few months to get a good price for my black gram. But now I get a good price from the company immediately. I will use this amount to take a little more land for lease," said Mrs. Latha.



**3. Project of Improved income through goat rearing:**

The Associated Country Women of the World, London has supported a project for economic empowerment of women titled with "Improved income through goat rearing by adopting hydroponics system of fodder production". This project aims to strengthen cobbler women from 25 SHGs from 10 villages for increased income through goat rearing that will enable women to earn regular income and it helps to send their girl children to school, improve health of family members and provides a sustainable livelihood.

Through this project 20 women are benefited from 10 women self help groups. We conducted training on hydroponics system of fodder production for 56 women. Rs. 1 lakh was paid to women for purchase of goats as grant and the women additionally contributed Rs. 3000+ for purchase of goats. Training on Marketing Strategies, market assessment, collective marketing are also organized for them. Training on Gender Equality and Human Rights was conducted to 94 women from 5 villages. We formed a monitoring committee and they visit the direct beneficiaries and evaluate the progress based on the objectives achieved, effectiveness of the project, and key areas improved. The committee verified the training documents, financial records, interaction with a few beneficiaries and come to a conclusion of the objects achieved. The committee attendance was 80% which we have good quorum. The project directly provides good income in a short period for every beneficiary.

employment to sustain their livelihood. The traditional farming system is collapsed. Farmers depend on 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 one day training program on organic farming promotion in the project area with the support of women farmers. 30 farmers from 3 villages were participated. Through the program they learned the importance and different usages of organic farming, biodiversity plants, medicinal plants, and local seeds.

#### **4. Adolescent girls' health education and reproductive health 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 education 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. The resource person Mrs. Mahalaksmi, gave the input to the adolescents and the program was held on 12-12-2021 at Inam Kalpalayam village and Nangamangalasathiram village on 13-12-2021 respectively.

#### **5. Awareness camp on Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)**

The Central Government introduced an insurance scheme "Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana" for the rural poor. The PMJJBY scheme would be available to

people in the age group of 18 to 50 years having a bank account who give their consent to join / enable auto-debit to pay premium an on annual basis. Aadhar would be the primary KYC for the bank account. The life cover of Rs. 2 lakhs shall be for the one year period stretching from 1st June to 31st May and will be renewable. Risk coverage under this scheme is for Rs. 2 Lakh in case of death of the insured, due to any reason. The premium is Rs. 436 per annum which is to be auto-debited in one installment from the subscriber's bank account as per the option given by him on or before 31st May of each annual coverage period under the scheme. The scheme is being offered by Life Insurance Corporation and all other life insurers who are willing to offer the product on similar terms with necessary approvals and tie up with banks for this purpose. VPS created awareness on the above scheme in 5 villages and help to enroll 65 women in the scheme.

#### **6. Auditor**

VPS appointed Mr. S. Kalaimani, Chartered Accountant, Uma Illam, Malar Salai, Tiruchirappalli as the Auditor for the next three financial years to audit the accounts of VPS. The accounts are prepared on cash basis.

#### **7. VPS board meetings:**

During the reporting period, VPS had four 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. They are not travelled nationally or internationally. The present Board Members of the organization are:

<b>Name of the Board Member</b>	<b>Designation</b>
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. A. Seetha, MA., BEd.,	EC Member
Mrs. V. Malar	EC Member

