

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT 2018-2019



GRAMA PENGAL MUNNETRA SANGAM (GPMS)

8/180- GSM Avenue-Solavandan Main Road, Thengalpatti, Chekkanoorani, Madurai District

Message from Secretary

Dear friends

Greetings from **GRAMA PENGAL MUNNETRA SANGAM**



I am pleased to bring out our 30th Annual report (2018-2019) for your kind review and constructive comments. I am happy to share the key highlights during the year which we believe has made a significant difference for our beneficiaries and the Society at large. Our organization has carried out its activities hand in hand with the poorest downtrodden and most vulnerable sections of the people through a number of community developments at grass root levels for gender equalization, comprehensive health and social empowerment. During the reporting year our organization has concentrated in the Environmental Issues, general health awareness, Digital Literacy, Skill Development and Educational Development. We took back our journey towards the creation of a society that would be free from ignorance and Exploitation. During this reporting year our organization has made much concentration in formation of JLG among the Rural Community particularly the women community. 80 JLGs are formed by our organization with grant support of NABARD. We formed Eco Clubs in every school in our target area and conducted Environment awareness programme to the school students

We thank the other stakeholder and related authorities in cooperating with our initiatives and stood with us in achieving the desired results. We feel heartened and grateful to all our board members, advisors, donors, and volunteers and well-wishers for travelling in this journey every step of the way to collectively work together.

With Regards

Yours Faithfully

M.Pasumpon M.A.,
Secretary

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GOAL AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION

- To organize the rural women in to groups and to create for discharging social responsibilities and to involve them in self planned development activities
- To eliminate fear from the minds of the rural women and to install confidence among the co villagers and to develop motivation and leadership qualities among the rural women.
- To mobilize and organize the rural women and create awareness through development process in the field of education, socio economic development, legal aid, health care, self employment with a view to making them stand on their own legs.
- To Create more knowledge about various schemes of the government for Economic and social uplift of the poor like IRDP, TRYSEM, and DEAP Etc
- To train the Community in leadership and make them to utilize the local resources available locally and guide them to start their own home industry.

FIELD OF INTEREST

- Women empowerment through SHG Promotion.
- Protection of Children from poverty, illiteracy.
- Skill training to Women and unemployed youths.
- Income Generation programme to the needy and trained &Credit linkage services.
- Protection of Environment and Global Warming.

- Monitor the Programmes along with target and local level SHGs women and local body Authorities
- Evaluate all programmes periodically and or at the required time

OUR VALUES

- Knowledge creation
- Social change
- Sustainable life and livelihood with economic stability
- Participation and empowerment

REGISTERED OFFICE

At present the registered office of the organization has functioning at 8/180-B.GSM Avenue, Thengalpatti, checkanoorani Post, Usilampatti taluk, Madurai District-625514
Project office of the organization has functioning at no-29 Subban Street, Ajay Complex, Near Flower Market, Theni, of Theni District.

LEGAL STATUS OF THE ORGANIZATION

- ✚ Our organization is registered under Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act vide Registration No 88/1989 dated 24-04-1989
- ✚ Registered under Section 12AA of the Income Tax Act with commissioner of Income Tax vide order no
- ✚ Registered under section 80G of the Income Tax Act with the Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemption) vide order no.
- ✚ Permanent Account Number of Income Tax AAAAG2298M
- ✚ Registered with Ministry of Home Affairs –FCRA Department vide Registration no 075940329
- ✚ Registered with NGO partnership System vide Registration no TN/2013/0064771

BOARD MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

SI no	Name of the Members	Designation	Qualification	Experience
1	Mrs. k. Parvathi W/o Mr. Karuppayaa Chinamannur Mairkeyan kottai Theni District	President	M.A,	20 years Experience in Social Service
2	Mrs.M.Pasumpon W/o Mayandi 8/180- Thengal patti Chekkanoorani Madurai District-625514	Secretary	M.A,	30 Year Experience in Social service
3	Mrs. Lakshmi Gandhi W/o Gandhiraj Near Bible Bhavan Bye pass Road Madurai-625016	Treasurer	M.A,	15 year Experience in Social Work
4	Mrs. Tamilselvi W/o Vijayan Madurai Mainroad Chekkanoorani	Executive Member	B.A,	5 Years Experience in Social Work
5	Mrs. Sathayakala W/o Sivakashimayan N. Ayyampatti Usalimpatti T.K	Executive Members	Bsc, B.Ed	Member Juvenile Justice Board and 10 years experience in Social work
6	Mrs.Nimmu Vasanth W/o Vasanthakumar Kottaur chennai	Executive Member	B.A,	10 years Experience in Social Work
7	Selvi. Vanaja Mercima D/o Paulraj 60, Meek Street, Panpozhi, Tirunelveli-627807, Tamil Nadu.	Executive member	M.A	20 Years Experience in Social Work

STATUTORY AUDITOR

Mr R.Amalajothi Bsc, F.C.A

Chartered Accountant

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Mahaboopalayam

Madurai -625016.

During the reporting year our organization has conducted the following programme for the welfare of the poor and downtrodden people.

- ❖ Environment protection awareness programme to school students
- ❖ Family counseling Programme
- ❖ SHG leadership Training Programme
- ❖ Free Educational Materials to school Students
- ❖ General health awareness Programme to Rural women
- ❖ Legal awareness Programme about the labor law to rural women
- ❖ Clean India Movement awareness Programme
- ❖ Tree planting &Eco awareness Programme to school students
- ❖ Rain water harvesting awareness Programme
- ❖ Rural Education awareness Programme
- ❖ Plastic Eradication awareness Programme
- ❖ Paper &Cotton bags manufacturing training programme to rural women
- ❖ Organic farming awareness Programme to farmers
- ❖ Digital mobile apps management training programme
- ❖ Computer training programme to rural students
- ❖ JLG Formation and training Programme
- ❖ World women's day programme
- ❖ Protection of water bodies awareness Programme

SHG Leadership Training Programme (20.07.2018)



A one day training programme has been conducted to the Group leaders and members of the Self Help Groups at our registered office in Thengalpatti with the grant assistance from NABARD Madurai. The group leaders and members trained in concepts and objectives of SHG. The resource persons briefed about the importance of regular record keeping, advantage of internal lending, book keeping, and income generation activities, financial

services for members of Self help Group and Micro insurance service. The resource persons also appraised the gathering about the concepts of the self help group. They motivated the participants to utilize the scheme benefits of financial institutions. Besides the SHG members were motivated to adopt some key economic activities apart from agriculture in order to achieve higher income level. Training sessions on book keeping training have been conducted by the training to 40 SHG Leaders and members. The group leaders are got better understanding important feature and function of the Self help group.

JLG Formation and training Programme (04.10.2018)

In order to develop effective credit product for small /marginal/tenant/farmers, oral lessees and share croppers as also entrepreneurs engaged in various nonfarm activity, NABARD has launched the scheme for promotion of Joint liability Groups. Objectives of the Programme



- ❖ To augment flow of credit to farmers, especially small, marginal, tenant farmers, oral lessees, share croppers / individuals taking up farm activities.
- ❖ To serve as collective substitute for loans to be provided to the target group.
- ❖ To build mutual trust and confidence between bank and target group.
- ❖ To minimize the risks in the loan portfolio for the banks through group approach, cluster approach, peer education and client discipline.

Our organization has conducted two JLG formation training programme at chekkanoorani and Thirumangalam about the importance of the JLG Concepts and how to get the

financial assistances from the bank through this scheme. The resource person during the training programme explained the rules and regulation for the membership and formation. During the reporting period our organization has formed 25 JLGs in villages of kallikudi, Thirumangalam and kottampatti Block of Madurai District

Plastic Eradication Awareness Programme (03.12.2018)

Our organization has carried out an awareness programme at chekkanoorani to educate the students about hazards of plastic use. Nearly 50 students from nearby school have participated in this programme. The resource person during the programme explained the health risks due to use of plastics and stop using single use plastic products and instead use traditional banana leaves, areca wooden plates, Cloth bags and jute bags.

Nature Camp awareness Programme to School Students (DOE –Chennai)

Organizing of this programme

This Programme is started on 13-02-2019 at Government Kallar Higher Secondary School and presides over by the District Educational officer Usilampatti Educational District and organized by Mrs M. Pasumpon Secretary Grama Pengal Munnetra Sangam (GPMS) & District Coordinator National Green Corps. The Deputy Inspector of Education Usilampatti has participated in this programme. The Madurai District Chief Educational office has inaugurated this programme. The Headmaster of Government Kallar Higher secondary School Chekkanoorani has participated in this programme and delivered his valuable speech about this programme and its importance for this present situation. 10 Students of both boys and girls in each school are selected from the following five schools for this programme.

- ❖ Government High School –Vagaikulam
- ❖ Sri Meenakshi Girls Higher Secondary School- Karadikkal
- ❖ Government Kallar Higher Secondary School-Chekkanoorani
- ❖ Government Kallar Higher Secondary School-Innimangalam
- ❖ Government Kallar Higher Secondary School –Vadakkampatt

First Day Programme



The First Day we took the school students to Alagar kovil Hills. The forest officials will participate in this programme. The forest officials will explain about the safety measure taken to protect the forest, habitat and resident wild species. The students will equip about the

importance of the forest and how it protect the environment and eco system. They also visit the medicinal plants farms in the forest area. The forest officials will brief about the forest conservation Act. So this has a good opportunity for the students to get the knowledge about the forest and its uses. The Forest official and Resource persons has encourage them to participate in the national tree plantation Movement and start to plant trees at their living places. This programme gained more knowledge among the students about the importance of forest. Snacks and meals are provided to the students

Second Day Programme

Second Day we took the Students to Sathayar Dam & Kadachanendal. This programme help the student to know about the Bio diversity which describes the variety of living being on the earth. Through this

programme the students should know the wealth of biological resources available to us. The officials and resource persons explained the students about the bio diversity and its help in the changing aspects in Eco system. We also took them to the Sathayar dam. The students gained the



knowledge about the water resources and how it will use for the irrigation and management

of water resources. These water bodies enhance the aesthetics of the landscapes offer us space for recreational activities, provide homes for flora and fauna and also influence micro climate. The second day visit gained a high knowledge about the Environmental issues. Snacks and meals are provided to the students

Third Day Programme



Third day we took the Students to Vettangudi Birds sanctuary near Thirupathur of sivagangai District. Vettangudi Bird Sanctuary's prime attraction is the thousands of migratory birds that make their way here

in winter. The main concept of this visit is to understand the various types of birds and their importance for the Eco and Environmental system. Birds can provide a number of direct benefits to humans. During this visit the resource persons explained about the environmental systems and students got the knowledge how the birds are help the farmers in controlling the pest. Most of the birds are endangered and students have learned to safe guard the precious birds. This visit helps the students to know about the various types of birds and its natural habits and its importance to the farmers. Snacks and meals are provided to the students

Impact of this Programme

These Visits motivated the students towards conservation oriented lifestyles and encourage the quality of leadership exploration and nature observation. The Experience of Nature given to children, huge potential to trigger the sensitivity towards nature appreciation and conservation leading to positive environmental actions at different levels.

Legal awareness Programme about the labor law to rural women

(28.08.2018)



Understanding of the legal literacy and legal awareness is the need of the hour to deal with these uncertain problems existing and rising in the society. What it is, why it is important, and how we can promote it. Majority people of India are legal illiterate and not aware of the basic rights conferred upon them by law.

Substantial population of the country living in the cities, towns and villages do not know what are their rights and entitlements under the law. Liberty and freedom manifests itself in the society in the form of problems such as child labor and other labor issues. A one awareness programme has been conducted by our organization at the office premises. During this programme some important issues taken up by us include:-

Gender and Law Enforcement

Impact of Displacement of Women

Sexual Harassment at Workplace

Women in Detention

Issues concerning

More than 30 women members are participated in this programme.

Tree Plantation and Eco awareness Programme (05.06.2018)

Forests are further the homes of so many indigenous species, whose loss would be critical for the balance of the eco-system. The need for trees is for the benefit of our own future generations. They are indeed guardians of our planet

Generally we are facing many problems due to environmental degradation and weather changes resulting in climate change. Unaware and selfish developments of modern time post big treats to the life on the earth.



The trees hold such an eco system that plays a vital role in environmental sustainable development. Plantation of more trees will change the environmental issues and develop the Eco system of the nation and the worldwide. Our organization has conducted a one day non residential awareness programme to the general public

and school to the general public and school student about the importance of the tree plantation. More than 50 members including school student are attending this programme. The resource person explained the important of the tree plantation. Saplings are distributed to the participants and school students.

Protection of water Bodies awareness Programme (22.03.2019)

Water bodies, whether man-made or natural, fresh water or brackish perform significant environmental, social and economic functions. Also, natural water bodies play a very important role in maintaining and restoring our ecological balance. In addition, water bodies perform the following functions



- ❖ Acts as source of drinking water
- ❖ Recharge ground water
- ❖ Control floods
- ❖ Support Bio diversity
- ❖ Provide livelihood opportunity to a large number of people

Hence it is very important at present to make a deep concentration and give the awareness to people particularly to the farmers. Our organization has taken this issue and wants to spread the awareness among the villagers to save the water bodies. Our organization has conducted a one day awareness Programme on protecting water bodies in the villages. The resource person explained those water bodies are major sources for harvesting rain water. But it was being used as a dumping yard for garbage and other waste materials. In this connection we plan to form youth clubs in every village to protect the water bodies in their villages. 50 farmers and village people are attended to this programme.

Clean India Awareness Programme (01.10.2018)



Clean India would be the best tribute India could pay to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150 birth anniversary in 2019," Swachh Bharat Mission was launched throughout length and breadth of the country as a national movement. Therefore, adequate and appropriate sanitation facilities are a pre-requisite for the socio-economic

development of the country. Today's school children will be tomorrow's leaders, employers and resources and it is imperative to provide basic amenities to them in order to have a healthy, productive workforce. Our organization has conducted a one day non residential awareness programme about the Clean India Movement. More than 100 people of participated in this programme

Rural Education Awareness Programme (25.08.2018)



Most of the people in rural areas of our targeted blocks are daily labors and having poor knowledge about education. Most of them are getting very low wages which is insufficient to their day to day lead. Most of the people make their children as their assistant for their day to work. The financial aspects are the important drawback to handicap them to send

their children to school. Moreover, they also unaware about the assistance and such as free education, free uniforms and scholarships provided to the school going children.

The result in survey takes the truth that financial aspects are stand in first for the rural Community to offer the education to their children. We have conducted rural education awareness programme in three villages in Madurai west Block. Most of the rural people particularly the parents of the young children have participated in this programme.

Organic farming awareness Programme (11.07.2018)

The main objective of this awareness programme was to provide information on organic farming techniques, rain water harvesting and effluent treatment and to provide information on sustainable agriculture and to motivate the farmers to adopt organic farming and water harvesting techniques. During this programme the following topics are taken for discussion.

- ❖ Disadvantages of Chemical farming
- ❖ Conventional farming and its impact on life
- ❖ Information on sustainable agriculture, method of organic farming and importance of organic fertilizer.
- ❖ Information on the preparation of bio-pesticides.
- ❖ Preparation of vermi-culture compost and the importance of water management.



over 35 small and marginal farmers in our working area were participated and observed the knowledge on: Practical training on Integrated Nutrition management, Integrated Pest management, Integrated Nutrition management Demonstration of the preparation or organic manure Vermi-compost and pesticides., The training program is very useful for the farming community and some farmers have promised to transform to organic farming in the future course of time.

Rain water harvesting awareness Programme (22.04.2018)



The main objective of this programme is to reach out to the rural communities to promote awareness around the need for conservation, preservation, and the efficient use of water resources. Our Organization has conducted a one day nonresident awareness programme on rain water harvesting to the rural community particularly the farmers

Educational Help to the Poor Students

Rural School going children are facing some basic challenges like Educational cost, lack in awareness of good education and poverty. When earning a livelihood and taking care of the members of the family becomes a primary matter of concern in one's life, education stands a little or, very often, no chance of pursuance. Our organization knows well that the children are the future society and it is our responsibility to provide complete, comprehensive and intensive, quality education to the children at the schooling will help to provide potential human resources to the upcoming society. This year our organization donated books and bags to the poor school going children of 1st std to 4th std. We encourage them to attend the school daily. Evening free coaching centre is being conducted for the elementary level students to get the very basic education. Over 25 students from poor and disadvantaged community in the working area are benefited by these materials.

General Health awareness Programme to Rural Women. (17.09.2018)



Our aim is to educate rural villages and make them aware of how to take proper care of their health. This programme is focused towards addressing issues of personal health care, hygiene and prevention of illness. The Majority of rural deaths, which are preventable, are due to infections and communicable, parasitic and respiratory diseases which

can be prevented by creating proper awareness. We believe that awareness on health and environment cleanliness will reduce sickness in the villages. We have to focus on our awareness Programme to the women and the adolescent in the village. Resource persons and experts from the relevant field has provided guest lecturer and this training was really helpful to the rural women to clarify their doubts on their health measures. The resource person explained about the following topics

- ❖ Home Cleanness
- ❖ Personal Cleanness
- ❖ Water safety /Safe Drinking water
- ❖ Maternal health and child health on priority

More than 100 persons are participated in this programme