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Vision

A just society in which every child enjoys childhood assured of his / her rights with dignity and happiness.

Mission

Build a social movement that will uproot all forms of exploitation and oppression of children and promote and protect the basic human rights of children enabling them to enjoy a dignified childhood.

Effect policy changes and ensure social justice through research, documentation, campaign, networking, advocacy and lobbying.

Philosophy

Arunodhaya believes that all children are born with an inherent right to justice, peace and freedom and deserve access to all fundamental human rights including education, health care, love, respect, security and protection.

A nation's development depends on the development of its children. Hence protection and promotion of the rights of children should become an inherent component of all development activities.

Core values

- Ambition
- Commitment
- Integrity
- Creativity
- Team work and Collaboration
- Accountability/ Transparency

Objectives

- Create a protective environment for every child free from all forms of violence, discrimination, exploitation and neglect.
- Create an environment at all levels for every child to express themselves, take decisions and participate in governance on all matters concerning them with the support of CBOs.
- Create opportunities for all children to fully develop physically, mentally, gain knowledge and develop their personality.
- Ensure the rights of all children by strengthening all community based organizations for the protection of children from all forms of violence.
- Bring about changes in policies, laws and programs concerning children at local, national and international levels based on the grassroot level experiences with the participation of children.



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PREFACE

We are happy to present the Annual report for the year 2017-18. In our quest for creating a safe space for children the focus was on safe use of social media and online safety. With the advance of technology children are more exposed to social media and unknowingly fall prey to abuse. Hence capacity building, awareness and sensitization of children and adults centred around the theme of Online safety. This enabled children to use social media in a constructive way as well as share this information with their peers and other children.

Formation of school children council paved way for enhancing child participation in making schools child friendly and ensuring child protection. The plan of organising advocacy with the local body to bring about child participation in local governance (children nagara sabai) suffered a setback since the local body elections were not held.

Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam representatives had the opportunity of interacting with Ms. Trisha, UNICEF Good will Ambassador and Ms. M.P. Nirmala, SCPCR chairperson on the World Children day (20th Nov.) The children highlighted problems faced by children such as discrimination against girl child, child marriage, child labour and lack quality of education. Children also had the privilege of interacting with Ms. Elke Budenbender, First Lady of Germany.

Building up community volunteers, is gaining momentum with increasing participation of different stakeholders making the community responsible for protecting their children.

The staff team of Arunodhaya has been a pillar of strength in realising the vision of Arunodhaya. It is my pleasure to thank each and every one of them for their contribution. Our thanks to all the Government agencies, NGOs, volunteers who supported us in carrying out our activities. My special thanks to the Board of Trustees who are always a source of great inspiration and encouragement to the organisation.

Above all I thank the God Almighty for guidance, support and strength which keeps our spirit afloat above all the problems and challenges.

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Executive Director

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INTRODUCTION

Arunodhya's motto is 'Let all children live as children'. We believe that all children irrespective of gender, caste, creed or economic situation have the right to live as a child, enjoying their right to protection, development and participation as enshrined in United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Arunodhya has been reaching out to the most underprivileged and most vulnerable children, such as children from urban slums, dalits, irula tribe, fishing and children settled in relocation sites.

Right to education is accorded the topmost priority and we aim at 100 percent enrolment of children along with motivation and guidance for higher education with special emphasis on girl children. Protection of children is emerging as a major issue with children being exposed and subjected to various forms of violence. The programmes are designed to bring awareness and build the capacity of children to overcome abusive situation, to strengthen the different stakeholders in the community to take the onus of creating safe spaces for their children and in making the state child protection mechanisms to function effectively.

Child participation is exercised through child-led organisations such as Confederation of Arunodhya Children Sangam (CACS), *Children Nagara sabai* (urban council) and School Children Council. These child-led organisations provide space for children to express their views and voice their opinion on issues concerning children. Arunodhya plays the role of mentor, enabling children to make informed decisions, build up their capacity and prepare adults to listen to the voice of children and initiate action on it.

Community Based Organisations (CBOs) such as Mahalir Sangams (Women groups) and youth forum are strengthened through economic and social empowerment, awareness and sensitization programmes. CBOs are motivated, encouraged and facilitated to participate and own the responsibility of ensuring child rights in their communities. The grass root level experience is taken to a wider and broader level through different networks and alliances to advocate for effective policies and programmes for ensuring rights to all children.





I. RIGHT TO EDUCATION



1.1 Early Childhood Care Centres



1.2 Reading Skill Enhancement Programme



1.3 Enrollment Campaign



1.4 Motivation Session



1.5 Career Guidance

1. RIGHT TO EDUCATION

1.1. EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE CENTRE

Objective

- Provide care and protection to children (3-5 yrs.) of working mothers
- Free elder girls in the family from burden of baby sitting and enable them to attend school

Table 1: Details of ECC centres

Area	Boys	Girls	Total
Athipet (Irula tribe)	11	6	17
Chemencherry (relocation site)	12	18	30
Total			47

Activities

- ECC centre functions from 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- One teacher and helper take care of children
- Games, songs and activities to facilitate physical, cognitive, language and social development
- Nutritious food in the form of milk in the morning, lunch and snacks in the evening
- Health check up organised every month in collaboration with Primary Health Centre
- Immunisation of all children ensured
- Monthly meetings organised for parents on topics related to child care
- House visits done to meet parents and encourage them to send their children to ECC centre
- School visits to monitor the progress of children enrolled in school from ECC centre
- Provide guidance and support to pregnant and lactating mothers to encourage visit to hospital, immunization and breast feeding
- Enrol children in formal school at the completion of five years



Table 2 : Enrollment of ECC children in school (June 2017)

Centre	Boys	Girls	Total
Athipet	3	3	6
Chemencherry	8	4	12
Total			18

STORIES OF CHANGE

D. Tamil Selvan (3 years) joined ECC centre in 2016 when he was two and a half years old. At that time he did not speak or respond when called. His parents thought he had hearing disability. He was also referred to a doctor for check up. The Doctor said that his hearing was normal. The centre teacher gave special attention to him and he was given to do activities to improve his concentration.

He was asked various questions everyday to motivate him to speak. This developed his listening and cognitive skills. Slowly he started to speak and interact with other children. Now his parents are very happy.

1.2. READING SKILL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME (RSEN)

Objective

- Develop the reading skills of children in municipality schools and make reading habit a culture in the community.
- Improve quality of education through developing reading skill.
- Garner the support of school teachers, SMC members, PTA and community to make the programme sustainable.

Out reach

No.of schools 7
No. of children 1145 (586 boys and 559 girls)

Activities

- RSEP in Chennai Schools
- Special Reading Sessions
- Summer camp
- Libraries
- Campaigns

1.RSEP in Chennai Schools

Table 3 Details of RSEP

S.No.	Schools	I	II	III	IV	V	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Chennai Middle school, Minambal nagar	67	64	37	44	30	125	117	242
2	Chennai Primary school, J.J. nagar	29	20	12	11	24	44	52	96
3	Chennai Primary school, M.G.R.nagar	42	41	32	32	39	93	93	186
4	Chennai Primary school, Anna nagar	79	72	47	37	15	129	121	250
5	Chennai Primary school, R.R. nagar	21	21	23	22	23	59	51	110
6	Chennai Primary school, Ranganathapuram	30	20	15	13	22	54	46	100
7	Chennai Middle school, AIR site	28	24	20	46	43	82	79	161
Total		296	262	186	205	196	586	559	1145

Assessment

Three assesments were conducted. The initial assessment was done in June 2017, Mid term assessment in October 2017 and final assessment in February 18.

The assessment tool developed by RSEN was used and children were graded as Arumbu, Mottu and Malar.

The result of the assessments is provided below

Table 4 : RSEP students assessment

Level of reading	1 st assessment	2 nd assessment	3 rd assessment
Arumbu	760	618	534
Mottu	185	250	277
Malar	151	254	334

The RSEP sessions had serval positive impacts - It motivated children to participate and win in competitions at school and interschool level.

2. Special Reading Sessions

Special reading sessions were organised in the shelter home, children sangam meetings and at community level.

Shelter home - Special reading session was organised for children in the shelter home. The reading session has helped the children improve their reading skill and increased interest in education.

Children sangam - During one of the CACS network meeting it was observed that many children had difficulty in reading fluently and lacked the habit of reading books. Hence it was decided to have a reading session during the Children sangam meetings held at area level. Reading activities were conducted at every meeting.

Community level - Arunodhaya received 222 books from Pratham. This set of books are being sent on rotation to different communities. Women and youth come to the centre and read the books.

3. Summer camp

Summer camp of six days duration was organised in May 2017 for 6 days for the children in the shelter home. Through games, songs and creative activities, children were motivated to read book. As an out come of the summer camp a library was started in the shelter home.

4. Libraries

Libraries were set up at school, community and shelter home.

School library

Libraries are functioning at Chennai middle school, Minambal nagar, Korukkupet, Chennai Primary school, R.R.nagar, Kodungaiyur and Chennai Middle school, M.G.R. nagar.

Community library

Community libraries are functioning at Minambal Nagar, J.J. Nagar, Anna Nagar, Nehru Nagar and M.G.R. Nagar.



Shelter home library

After RSEP summer camp in the month of May a library was started at the Shelter home. Members of the education commitee at the Shelter home take the responsibility of maintaining the library.



5. Campaigns

Mother Tongue day (21st February, 2018)



- Elocution contests were held in 6 schools and badges were given to children who participated in the contest.
- Happy reading campaign was held at Athipet (Irula tribe)

National Reading day (23rd January 2018)

Special reading campaign was organised at community level in Nehru nagar and at Chennai Middle school, Minambal nagar. Nearly 200 members participated in the campaign at Nehru nagar and 250 children and 75 parents at Minambal nagar. The book fairies conducted simple magic shows and with the help of IEC materials enabled children to display their skill in reading. Community members and parents appreciated their children.

Literacy day

Campaign was conducted in the community to enable illiterate women to write their names.

25 women were taught to write their names.

In the month of October 2017. Campaign was organized in Kum Kum factory. 25 women working in the factory were encouraged to read books during the lunch break.

Veeduthorum Puthagam (Books In Every House)

'Veeduthorum Puthagam' (Books in every house) campaign was held on 22nd February 2018 at Chennai school, Patel nagar, Korukkupet. 300 children participated in the programme. Each one of them received one book for themselves and one for their friend. Children had given the books to other children in their neighborhood and they felt happy about it. It has developed more interest in reading



Education day (15th July 2017)

The birthday of Tamilnadu Former Chief Minister Mr. Kamaraj birthday is celebrated as Education Day (15th July) On this day competitions were organized in essay writing and speech. The book fairies encouraged children to participate in competitions and helped them in the preparations.

Independence day (15th August 2017)

Reading competitions formed part of Independence day programme held in schools.

Children's day (14th November 2017)

Elocution competitions were organized in schools. Children were motivated and prepared to participate. In CPS Annanagar, a student Santhosh won first prize. He was a slow learner and through RSEP session he showed immense improvement enabling him to win a prize.

In Anna nagar, M.G.R. nagar and Minambal nagar children read books during Assembly time.

1.3. ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGNS

Enrollment campaign was organized at Sadayan kuppam, Korukkupet, Tiruvotriyur and AIR site in the months of June and July 2017. 500 children participated in the campaign. Parai and mimes creating awareness on importance of girl child education were performed during the campaign. 52 children were identified by CACS children in 6 zones and enrolled in school.



1.4. MOTIVATION SESSION

Motivation session was conducted for children who are appearing for 10th and 12th exams. They were given training on leadership skills and motivated to show more interest in education. They were trained on how to overcome fear. The session motivated children to work hard and move forward amidst all difficulties. Many tips were given by chief guests on preparations for exams.

Details on 10th and 12th exams

10th standard

88 children (41 boys and 47 girls) appeared for the examination. Rajesh from Rajaji nagar, Tiruvottiyur scored the highest mark 484/500. Among girls S. Saranya from Rajashanmugam nagar scored 483/50.

12th standard

71 children sangam members appeared for +2 exams and 67 passed. The highest score was by Geetha from Rajaji nagar – 1074/1200. 10 children (5 boys and 5 girls) scored above 1000 out of 1200

Table 5: Motivation Session

Date	No. of participants	Venue	Resource persons
28 th Jan. 2018	142	Royapuram	Mr. Dakshinamurthy, Member, National Federation of the Blind and Ms. Vijaya Srinivasan, Former Principal, Lady Andal school
4 th Feb. 18	21	Kodambakkam	Mr. Palanivel, Gurunanak college

"I always used to study in the last moment, especially during late nights. Through this session I understood that it is not going to help me. Now I am going to plan well and make use of the time in a better Way". S.Balaji, 12th Std, Daniel School, Korukkupet

"I was so happy to be part of this session. When I saw Mr. Dakshinamurthy I was taken aback. His story really inspired me. If he can achieve many things amidst great difficulty, I feel that I can overcome my little difficulties easily".

S. Shanthakumar, 10th Std, Chennai Govt School, Patel Nagar



1.5. CAREER GUIDANCE

Career opportunities in Ports

In collaboration with DP World Career opportunities in Ports were organised in 4 schools, reaching out to 205 children. This has developed an interest in children to pursue job opportunities at Ports. Volunteers from DP world conducted 6 sessions on job opportunities at port, export and import and the work DP world does.

Exposure visit to Gigamon-IT company

Children from Arunodhaya children sangam spent a day at Gigamon an IT company located at Alwarper on 28th November 2017. 24 children including 4 tribal children and 4 staff members participated. It was a day long program, where children had many surprises. The children had a fun filled day and it was a life changing experience for them. Children wore the best dress they had to visit the company as they felt it as a very elite place. Each child was given a visitor ID card with their name printed. 5 employees from Gigamon shared their life experience of what it actually cost for them to be in an IT company. During the visit they experienced 'team lunch', 'cafeteria', 'gym room', 'team meetings' and one to one interaction with employees. Children were highly inspired and it was indeed a transformative event for the children. After the visit children shared with the staff and their parents that it created a positive energy and motivated to achieve their goal.

Table 6: Career Guidance

Sl. No.	School Name	Number of Children
1	Chennai Higher secondary school, Patel nagar, Chennai	55
2	Angel high school, Chennai	50
3	ECI school, Chennai	45
4	Sacred heart school, Chennai	55
Total		205

"Hi, My name is Muthu (15 yrs), I was very happy to visit Gigamon. Now my aim is to study welly and get a job in a company like Gigamon. My parents who are inland fisherman said that it's difficult for them to send me for higher education. But I am determined to study well, and get a job in IT. It was very chill in that company and it was my first experience to use the lift and enjoy AC. I wish to come again" V. Muthu, 10th Std, Athipet (Tribal Village).

"I am Surthi, I live in Korukupet, It was a very new experience for me. The staff team was very welcoming and made us feel happy. I was so inspired by the sharing of the employees. My mom is a single women and she is a cooli worker. After the visit I feel like I have got a super power that I can do anything if I belive in myself. It was a very encouraging experience. I want to study well and take care of my mom".

K. Surthi, 17 years, Korukkupet





2. RIGHT TO PROTECTION



2.1 Adolescent Awareness, Counseling and Empowerment Project (AACEP)



2.2 Counseling and Healing Unit (CHU)



2.3 Shelter Home for the Urban Homeless (Boys)



2.4 CHILDLINE1098- Tiruvallur District - Nodal Agency



2.5 Child Help Desk - Egmore Railway Station

2. RIGHT TO PROTECTION

All children are entitled to right to protection from any form of abuse, exploitation or neglect. But in reality children are exposed to all kinds of abuse, exploitation and neglect. The child protection initiatives of Arunodhaya aim at creating a protective environment for every marginalised child through a process of

- Ø Empowering the children to protect themselves from all forms of violence and abuse
- Ø Sensitizing the stakeholders on child protection issues
- Ø Promoting area based support groups to protect children
- Ø Rescue and rehabilitate children in need of care and protection

The following programmes are being implemented

- Ø Adolescent Awareness Counseling and Empowerment Project (AACEP)
- Ø Counseling and Healing Unit (CHU)
- Ø Shelter for urban homeless children
- Ø CHILDLINE1098- Tiruvallur, Nodal
- Ø Child Help Desk- Egmore Railway Station

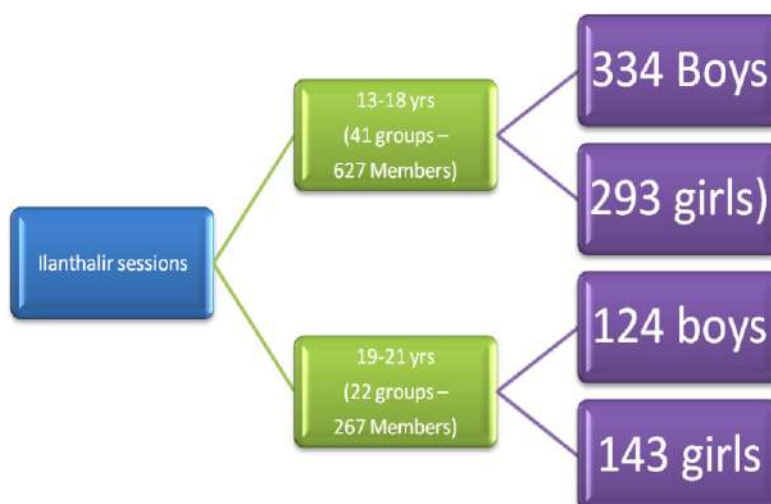
2.1. ADOLESCENT AWARENESS COUNSELING AND EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (AACEP)

Ilanthalir sessions are conducted once a month. It is designed as a one year course on Adolescent awareness with 12 modules. The topic covered in the sessions are

- Ø Group formation and introduction
- Ø Adolescent stage - Physical and psychological changes
- Ø Knowing myself and emotions
- Ø Communication
- Ø Sexuality
- Ø Sexual abuse- POCSO Act
- Ø Gender equality
- Ø Child marriage prevention act
- Ø Setting goals in life



Figure 1 : Ilanthalir sessions



2.1.1. AWARENESS AND TRAINING

Awareness programmes in Schools

Awareness programmes were conducted in 12 High schools and 8 Primary schools. The programme aimed at providing knowledge on adolescent issues, change attitude for positive development and build skills to protect themselves.



Figure 2 : Awareness programmes in Schools



On the invitation from schools special campaigns were conducted based on specific issues. Such campaigns were conducted in Jayagopal Garodia Higher Secondary school, Madhavaram reaching out to 500 and in Jayagopal Garodia Higher Secondary School, Choolaimedu reaching out to 250 children. In both schools the topic was on love and infatuation, teen pregnancy and early marriage. In the school at Choolaimedu continuous sessions are being held with 100 children.

Teach for India is conducting special coaching classes for 6th standard students in Chennai high school, Stanley nagar. They identified the issue of poor concentration among majority of students in the class. Teacher requested the counselor to do an awareness programme with the 6th standard students (30 children). Games and exercises were conducted to assess their level of concentration. Except for four children all the others were found to have very poor concentration. Special parents meetings were organised and counseling was given to provide nutritious food to children and to provide special care. After this there was a change in their behaviour.

Life skill training

Life skill training was organised from 21st to 23rd July 2017 at Youth hostel, Adyar. 46 members participated in the training. This was organised in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra.

The following sessions were held

- I,Me,Myself,Values.
- Values and beliefs
- Decision making
- Stress management
- Mental health
- Disaster management
- Leadership qualities
- Yoga sessions



b. Swimming course

The floods in 2015 brought to fore the need to be trained in swimming. With the support of Lifeskill India Foundation, 58 children were trained in swimming at Marina swimming pool in the month of May, September and October 2017.



c. Developing talents

Children were provided with opportunities to develop their potential in sports, cultural events and creative works.

Football coaching was provided to 20 boys in the Shelter home

A sports event called “*Kood vilayadu*” was organised by Concern, providing an opportunity to 45 children to exhibit their talents in sports activities. 2 boys jointly won the overall event and were rewarded with a cycle. The children won 14 medals in different events.

d. Training on disaster preparedness

Training on disaster preparedness was conducted for 20 children in the age group 10-16 yrs. The programme was facilitated by Ms. Revathi N. Krishna, PhD candidate from Monash University, Melbourne, Australia as part of her research process. Through the training children were taught to develop a disaster training module which will be pilot tested with a group of 20 children. The training started with brainstorming session on the children's experience during the flood in 2015. The following sessions were conducted.

Body mapping - identifying how the disaster affected them physically and psychologically.

Risk mapping - enabled the children to identify risk factors at home and in the community and how to prevent these risk situations.

First aid training - was given in collaboration with Red Cross Society. They trained the children to put bandages in case of fracture in different bones. Children were also trained to make stretcher using bed-sheet and CRP technique. First aid kit was given to each child.

Assembling point mapping - Children were asked to discuss with their family on what action they would take in case of fire, flood or any disaster. Through the discussion they were able to identify safe spaces available in their home. Children also identified community hall, schools and marriage hall in high lane which can be used as assembling point in case of disaster. This information was also shared with parents.

Escape mechanism - Children learnt about the precautions to be taken in case of earth quake, cyclone and fire. They also learnt about escape mechanisms.

As an outcome of the training children decided to raise awareness on disaster preparedness through street play, songs and hand bills. A training module will be developed which will be taught by the children to a group of 20 children.



"I attended the first aid training and was also part of this module preparation program. My brother met with a small accident and his toe was bleeding. I immediately took first aid kit and dressed his wound. This helped in minimizing blood loss. He was taken to hospital for further treatment. Doctor appreciated my effort. My parents were very happy."

S. Sharmilla, 9th Std,

Sexual Reproductive Health and Gender training

SRHR and gender training was organised in collaboration with Katradi. One staff member and one youth volunteer participated in a 3 days training in Hyderabad from 21st September 2017 to 24th September 2017. The training helped them to understand gender stereotyping, how to overcome the taboo behind menstrual cycle, how boys and girls are affected by gender discrimination and gender based violence.

The volunteers also learnt about Frisbee game, through which children were encouraged to break gender stereotyping.



Following the training they conducted group work session on SRHR and gender in 5 batches. 103 adolescents (51 girls and 52 boys) participated in the session. Each batch had 5 sessions and the topics covered were sex and gender, reproductive health, media & gender and gender based violence. In the evaluation process, children were given questioners to fill before the session and post session. Through this programme children understood the difference between sex and gender and the difficulties girls go through, children understood that there is no need for gender separation which hinders boys from understanding girls better.

They also decided to raise their voice against gender discrimination in their homes. Children went to their schools and homes and shared what they learnt. Parents promised they will not follow any taboo especially things relating to menstrual cycle. But few parents also felt that it was too much for children to know about reproductive health. Many boys did not share the information with their parents but shared with their friends, They also brought their friends to subsequent sessions

As part of the session girls and boys played 'frisbee' a game that requires the players to run, be agile, keep their shoulders straight and stretch out their hands to win the game. Frisbee embodies activities that are typically seen as antithetical to adolescent girls. By playing this game, girls embraced their right to open up and enjoy life. They also got new friends through this game.

They promised not to perpetuate any gender stigma but instead respect and support girls in their natural day-to-day life.

2.1.2. SENSITIZING STAKEHOLDERS ON CHILD PROTECTION

Awareness programmes and campaigns

The adult peer educators conducted training for SHG members. Cumulatively, 558 members have been oriented on the following topics.

- Role and responsibility of parents
- Sexuality
- Sexual abuse
- Child marriage
- POCSO act

Parents- Teachers – Adolescent exchange programme

A sharing between parents and adolescents was held it provides space for healthy interaction between them and enabled them to understand each other.

Home visits

Regular home visits were done to share with parents the different programmes being implemented to get the feedback about activities, gain support in sending their children/adolescents for programmes, providing awareness and identify emerging problems in families and community.

The regular interaction with families helped in building better rapport between families and Arunodhaya. They developed confidence in sending their children for different programmes, especially the girl children.

2.1.3. PROMOTING COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORT GROUPS TO PROTECT CHILDREN

Support groups were formed at community level to sustain the project initiatives and be a catalyst in creating awareness, mobilising people and intervening on issues related to child rights. These support groups include.

- Adolescent Peer educators
- Adolescent Co ordination Committee (ACC)
- Adult Peer Educators
- Community Child Rights Monitoring Committees (CCRMC)

Adolescent peer educators

Adolescents who are members of CACS/ APIK and who have participated in the different trainings organised by Arunodhaya and participated in child rights promotion initiatives are selected as Adolescent Peer Educators. It is on a voluntary basis and during the year 180 adolescents have volunteered as Adolescent Peer Educators.

Monthly meetings were organised at the zonal level. During the monthly meeting they were oriented on the *ilanthalir* session modules and discussed emerging issues related to adolescents. Training on drug and substance abuse, online safety, stress management were organised.



Some initiatives by Adolescent Peer Educators

- Adolescent Peer Educators encouraged adolescents to participate in Ilanthalir session and other training programmes. They supported Arunodhaya staff in conducting Ilanthalir sessions and other area and zonal level activities.
- Motivated students to prepare well for exams.
- Adolescent Peer Educator in AIR site identified the issue of increasing number of teen pregnancies in the area. Based on information counsellors visited the school where this was prevalent. However school authorities refused permission to interact with the students. As an alternative, an awareness programme was organised near the Blocks where the incidents was reported. These Blocks are places where Arunodhaya does not have a presence. Therefore initial rapport building was done. Following this a meeting was organised for women providing awareness on the issue.
- In Korukkuupet the adolescent peer educators identified a group who gambled cards with informed the animator for action. Now it has been stopped.
- In Nehru nagar they referred two adolescents for counseling on infatuation.
- Motivated adolescents in their area to participate in the Sabla scheme awareness campaign.
- They flagged the issue of youth speeding on bike for fun and meeting with accidents. A meeting was organised for the youth on this issue and it was also discussed in the women group meetings.

Adolescent Coordination Committee (ACC)

Adolescent Coordination Committee consists of 9 members elected by Ilanthalir groups. They provide feedback on the effectiveness of the Ilanthalir session modules, give suggestions on topics to be discussed at Ilanthalir sessions and support the ACC animators in conducting Ilanthalir sessions.

- The ACC Supported in conducting assessments at the zonal level.
- Participated in the strategic planning process of Arunodhaya and gave their suggestions for AACEP project.
- Supported in organising community sensitisation programme.
- Supported in conducting Adolescent peer educators training in Royapuram.
- Participated in the workshop on Child sexual abuse and exploitation organised by World Vision and shared the information with other members.
- Participated in discussion with the Asmae Area Manager Ms. Perine during her visit to the organisation.
- Identified the cases of a missing child and an adolescent who attempted suicide. They informed the Counselors about this and immediate action was taken.



Adult Peer Educators

Members from women groups who have participated in the trainings and child protection interventions volunteer to be Adult Peer Educators. During the 2017-2018 there were 170 Adult Peer Educators.

Meetings and trainings

Monthly meetings were organised at zonal level. Zonal meeting organised every month

Trainings were conducted in June 2017, September 2017 and March 2018 on the role and responsibilities of Adult Peer Educators.

Two Adult Peer Educators participated in a training on child rights defenders organised by Child Rights Protection Network

First Aid training provided to Adult Peer Educators in collaboration with Life Skill India Foundation.

Adult Peer Educators interventions

- Children were found playing wrestling cards of gambling in Ambedkar nagar, Korukkupet. This led to school drop outs in the area. The Adult Peer Educators spoke with the children and parents and were able to stop the children from playing this game
- Followed up on students who failed in the board examinations and motivated to appear for reexamination
- Supported in conducting ilanthalir meetings
- Facilitated in area and zonal activities
- In T.P. Chatram, identified one youth who had runaway from her village in Salem. They contacted the parents and restored the girl to them with the help of Childline 1098
- In Royapuram, Adult Peer Educators organised an awareness programme on the online game Blue Whale
- In Kodambakkam, the Adult Peer Educators took up the issue of train accidents where youth had died and provided awareness to youth in the community.

- Adult Peer Educators conducted survey of shops selling drugs near schools and in warned the shop keepers not to sell drugs.
- In Semmanchery the Adult Peer Educators identified boys addicted to drugs and organised group counseling
- In Korukkupet Adult Peer Educator gave information to police to come for rounds during school hours as adults were using children for gambling
- Organised awareness programme on cancer
- Kanni Koil in Ennore had no toilet facilities. This issue was discussed in Ilanthalir meetings. Arunodhya approached Atchwa trust for construction of toilets. The Adult Peer Educators conducted community meeting and collected the documents needed. Necessary documents have been collected from 84 houses for construction of toilets
- Identified an instance of child sexual abuse, handed over the abuser to police station and case filed under POCSO act to the accused is currently in prison.
- Took up the issue of a father sexually abusing his two girl children and reported to police the abuser has been punished
- Adult Peer Educators identified children and adolescents watching pornography and indulging in sexual activities. 10 such children were identified. Counseling is being given to the children and their parents.



Community Child Rights Monitoring Committees (CCRMC)

Community Child Rights Monitoring Committee comprises of representatives from Children Sangam, Youth forum and Mahalir Sangam. It has representation from Police, school, local leaders, Councilor and M.L.A. They identified school dropout and enrol them in schools. Cases on child rights violation are identified and referred to Adult Peer Educators. The members monitor ICDS centre on hygiene practices and ensure nutrition powder is given regularly.



CCRMC interventions

Child rights promotion communities

The adults in communities have a responsibility to protect and promote child rights and make the communities safe and friendly for children. The Community Child Rights Monitoring Committees (CCRMC) took the initiative of declaring communities as Child Rights Promotion Communities. The criteria for declaration was developed by CCRMCs. A programme was organised to declare the community as Child Rights Promotion Community and a board is placed.

The main objective of the declaration function and placing of board is to reiterate the community's responsibility in protecting their children from abuse and exploitation.

The following communities have been declared as Child rights promotion communities

Anna nagar, Korukkupet
J.J. nagar, Korukkupet
Sherkhanthottam, Kodambakkam
Sivasakthi nagar, Tiruvottiyur.

- During the Asmae volunteer work camp, activities were organised with CCRMC members on Saying NO to Plastics.
- CCRMC members in Nehru nagar are also working on cleaning the playground which was requested by the Children sangam.
- CCRMC members in all the areas supported Children Sangam in their activities
- Continuous engagement was held with ICDS centres at R.R. nagar, Nehru nagar and T.P. Chatram.
- In R. R.nagar the teachers and helpers were oriented on adolescent issues and CHU. Now, regular monthly meeting are being organised for 20 adolescents. They are given iron tablets, nutritious powder and sanitary napkins. Their height and weight are monitored.
- In Nehru nagar, the ICDS teacher is a member of the CCRMC committee. Hence, she provides good support in implementing Sabla scheme. Initially it was not organised effectively. CCRMC members made house visits and identified adolescents, informed them about the scheme and asked them to benefit from it. 80 girls were identified. Out of this, 30 have been enrolled in the scheme and they are getting the benefits.
- In T.P. chatram, house visits were made to identify adolescent girls. 60 girls were identified. Parents meetings was conducted on Sabla scheme. Teachers and helpers were sensitised on the issue of adolescents and CHU. Discussion were held to activate Sabla scheme. Unfortunately the whole area was evicted and relocated in a place about 80 her away from their residence. Hence the initiative has been stopped.



2.2. COUNSELING AND HEALING UNIT (CHU)

Counseling and Healing Unit (CHU) was started in 2010 in response to the need that emerged in the interventions with adolescents

CHU provides a safe and comfortable environment for adolescents to share their problems, counseled and offered medical, legal and other assistance as required and enable adolescents to lead a safe and healthy life.



Figure 3 : CHU Process

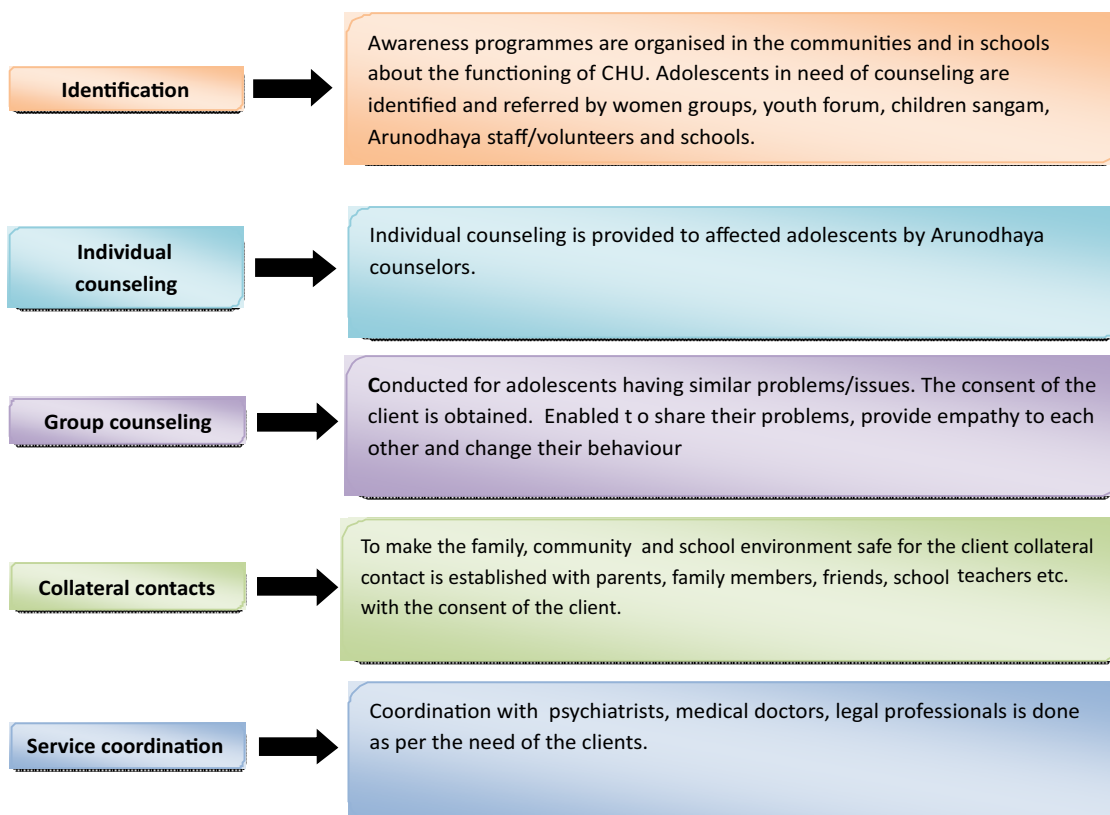


Table 7 : Details Of Individual Counseling

Type of problem	No. of clients.
Education	48
Family problem	44
Love and infatuation	11
Drug	05
Sexual abuse	05
Early marriage	03
Depression	28
Suicide thoughts	05
Attitude	04
Total	153

Individual counseling

Assessment of the problem is done in a safe and trustworthy environment and the client is led to define the goals and develop an action plan to move towards the goal. Review and feedback is done for reinforcement. The client is encouraged to become a member of Children Sangam or Youth Forum for continued follow up.

153 adolescents were counseled during the year.

All the 48 clients who were counseled for education problems have started going to school regularly.

There were 44 clients who had family problems. Counseling was given to the parents as well. As a result there is positive change in the relationship between the clients and parents in all the 44 interventions.

Out of the 11 clients who were counseled for infatuation, 5 have come out of it and concentrating a their studies. The other 6 children are being counselled continuously.

Among the 5 clients counseled for drug addiction, two have been referred to rehabiitation center, one to Psychiatrist for treatment and two are being counseled by Arunodhaya Counselors.

All the 5 clients who suffered sexual abuse have come out of the trauma and leading normal lives.

Through the counseling process, 3 child marriages were stopped.

Among the 28 clients identified with symptoms of depression, 8 were referred to Banyan for further counseling and 3 were referred to Psychiatrist for treatment.

All the 5 clients with suicide thoughts were counseled and supported to come out of it and continue going to school/work.

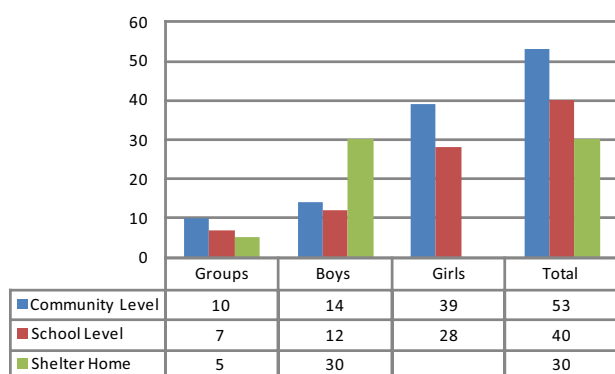
A positive attitude was developed among 4 clients who had very low self esteem.



Group counseling

Group counseling technique was adopted as to address common issues and problem. They were held at community level, at school and at shelter home.

Figure 4 : Details of group counseling



10 group counselings were conducted at community level for adolescents. 53 (14 boys and 39 girls) members were counseled on issues relating to education, love and infatuation, family problems and self protection. One group counseling was held for mothers who faced problem in their relationship with adolescent children.

7 group counseling sessions were conducted at school level. 40 (12 boys and 28 girls) members were counseled on issues related to love and infatuation and self esteem. These adolescents were identified during school campaigns or referred by school teachers.

5 group counseling sessions were held at Shelter home reaching out to 30 boys. They were guided on issues related to safe touch and unsafe touch, love and infatuation, self esteem and education.

Community counselors

A team of seven community counselors has been formed from women group members. They are trained in basic counseling methods and techniques. They provide immediate counseling to affected adolescents and refer them to Counselors. The community counselors also assist in follow up of the affected.

63 clients were provided preliminary counseling and follow up was done with 95 clients by the Community counselors.

Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT)

MDT comprise of the following members

- Dr. Shanthi Davidar, Psychiatrist
- Mr. Venkadesan, Asst. Headmaster, Chennai school
- Mr. Dhamotharan, Headmaster, Chennai school
- Inspectors and constables from 3 Police stations
- Ms. Revathy, Advocate
- Municipal councillors
- Counselors, Project coordinator and Director from Arunodhaya

Meetings were held once in six months. During the meetings, Counselors shared the success and challenges faced in case interventions. The members provide guidance in overcoming these challenges. They offered their expertise on the following issues

- Gender and drug abuse
- Suicide tendency
- Importance of value education
- Negative behaviour among adolescents who attend trainings and are in leadership position
- Addressing aggressiveness during counselling process
- Pornography and online abuse
- Legal action on child sexual abuse

Contribution by MDT members

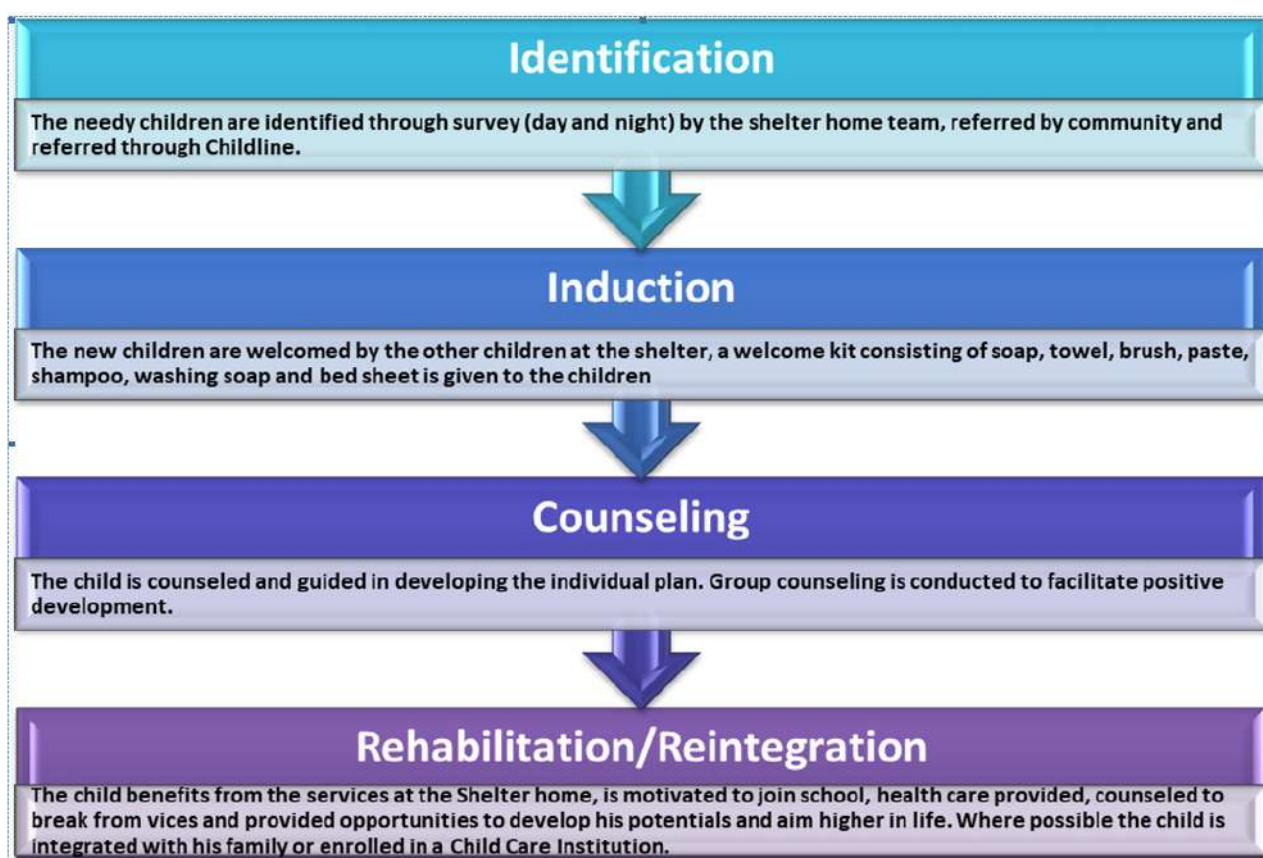
- Dr. Shanthi Davidar, Psychiatrist supported in providing hands on training to counselors and treating clients
- An advocate's assistance was obtaining while taking legal actions in child sexual abuse incidents
- Along with Police, conducted awareness programmes in the communities
- Teachers supported in enrolment of shelter home children and followed up on clients counseled on education issues.

2.3. SHELTER FOR THE URBAN HOMELESS (BOYS)

With the support of Chennai Corporation, a Shelter home was established on 13th December 2013 at Rajarathinam Nagar, Kodungaiyur. The shelter provides a place for the children to rest with food and refreshment, medical assistance and counseling services provided to them. Children who have never been to school, school dropout, rag picker and street children are rescued and rehabilitated



Figure 5 : Shelter Home Process

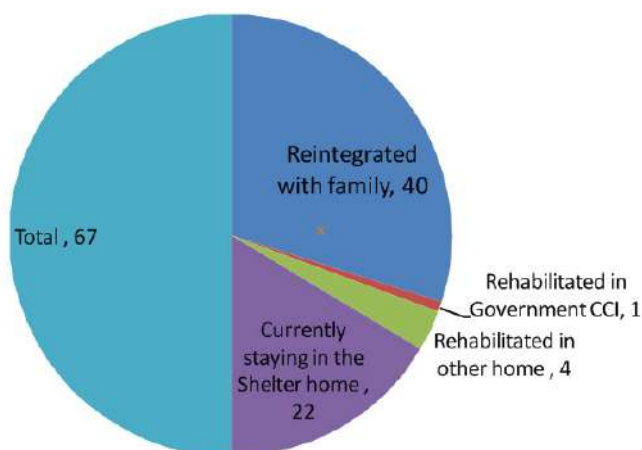


212 children reached till March 2018 and 190 children rehabilitated/reintegrated. At present there are 22 children residing at the shelter home.



During the period April 2017- March 2018, 67 children benefited through shelter home. 40 children were reunited with their family and 5 children rehabilitated in Child Care Institution (CCI).

Figure 6 : Status of children in the Shelter home

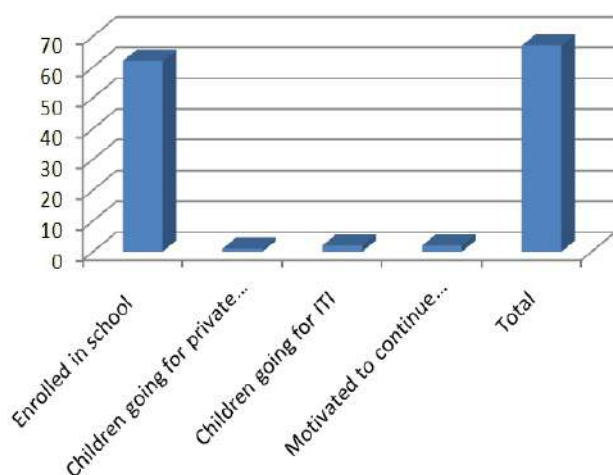


The following activities were carried out in shelter home from April 2017 to March 2018.

2.3.1. Education

62 children were enrolled in 5 Chennai government school and one government aided school based on the requirements of the children. Uniforms, note books, bags, stationery items, pencil boxes and lunch boxes were given to the children with support of sponsors.

Figure 7: Education details of children in the shelter home



5 children appeared for 10th exams (3 children currently staying in shelter home, 2 follow up children) One Child appeared for 12th exam (follow up children)

Table 8: Public Exam Result

P.Vigneswar	XII	945	78%
P.Ranjith	X	371	74%
T.Bafoon	X	335	67%
K.Damodharan	X	207	41%
M.Surya	X	202	40%
B.Babulal	X	180	36%

Ranjith, who scored above 70%, was recognised and appreciated by the City Health officer.

In March 2018, 2 children appeared for 10th examination and 2 children appeared for 12th examination



School Visits

School visits were done for each child and class teachers discussed the progress of the children. During school visit the staff also met children reunited with their families and enquired about their performance in studies.

Coaching classes

Coaching classes were conducted in the evenings. Special care was given for children studying in 10th 11th and 12th std.



Library

Shelter home has a library with 213 books. It has a collection of stories, general knowledge, subject related books, personality development etc. Children read it every day during the evenings.



Computer training

7 children from shelter home attended summer class at Arunodhaya Computer Training Centre. Children learnt Ms office, spoken English and personality development.

2.3.2. Motivation and Awareness Sessions

"Motivation is what gets you started". Jim Ryun

The children at the shelter home were found to hence have a very low self esteem and their aspiration level is very low. Hence various training and programmes were organized to motivate them to aim higher in life.

Summer Vacation Activities

During the summer holidays, series of programmes were planned to engage children in creative activities, develop their personality and raise their self esteem and aspiration level. The children requested for training in drawing, cultural activities and a picnic.

Drawing Class

Training on Basic drawing skills was organised for shelter home children. Ms. R. Priyanka, Drawing teacher volunteered to teach children the basics of drawing. The class was held from 2nd May to 5th May 2017. Children enjoyed the class and painted colourful arts. It enhanced the creativity of children.



Reading Class

To enhance the reading habits of Children, reading class program was organised from 9th to 12th May 17. Ms. Sandhanamary, Thematic Facilitator, conducted the activity. Children were taught Tamil alphabets, short stories and sentence formation. Many children who had spelling error problems learnt to read and write properly. It motivated children to read books from library.

Handicrafts training

Handicrafts training was conducted at shelter home from 24th May to 26th May 2017. Ms. Meerabai and Mr. Veerappan facilitated the training. Children created beautiful craft works, teddy bears and greeting cards. They showed good enthusiasm and learnt many craft works.

Summer Camp at Mahabalipuram

This year, children were taken to Mahabalipuram for summer camp. Through the support of Praise Foundation a farm house was given to conduct the training. The summer camp was organized on 15th and 16th May 2017. 13 children and 3 staff participated in the camp. Mr. Christuraj, Advocate Child Rights was the resource person for the training.

Mr. Christuraj asked the children about their ambition and facilitated them to set their goals. Through various activities, he interacted with the children on self esteem and importance of self identity. Treasure hunt game was played at the beach. Children enjoyed the activities, they rolled in the beach, played in sand, did sand art and played in water. This was a refreshing experience. The children were taken to Mahabalipuram Mountains for sight seeing. Amidst hot weather children climbed the mountain with full energy. They had ice cream which was their favorite.

"This camp was so fun filled and useful. We played many games. I specially loved the game organized in the beach (treasure hunt) I received a magic pen as gift. We also learnt new games. We want more camps like this. I have never been to Mahabalipuram. Thanks to Arunodhaya and Ms. Virgil Ma'am for bringing us here. I loved the farm house and lawn". P. Ranjith, 10th Std, 16 years



Self development

On 30th July 2017 motivation session and counseling session was organized by volunteers and psychologist from Tirupam Charitable Trust. 22 children participated in the session. They motivated children to have an aim, goal, self identity, good hygiene practices and to study well. After the session Suresh, trimmed his hair who refused to cut his hair for a long time.

Motivation session, health and hygiene and craft classes were conducted at shelter home every day in the month of August with the support of a volunteer from Arutkadal. Children enjoyed the classes and were motivated to go to school regularly. They also learnt many craft works and prepared handicrafts materials



Awareness on Infatuation

On 27th Dec 2017 group counseling was given on infatuation for shelter home children. Through this children were able to differentiate between love and infatuation. They promised that they would concentrate on education.

A team building exercise was also conducted with the children. Children said that shelter home was like a family and they have to do little adjustments sometimes to be happy. This enhanced the bonding between the children.



Art Therapy training

Art Therapy training was organized for shelter home children on 20th Jan 2018 12 children participated in the training. Ms. Chellamah and Ms. Aadhi, Counselor facilitated the session. During the session, a balloon activity was conducted in which children were asked to draw their dreams after blowing the balloon. Children drew their dreams, school, family members and house. After the session they were motivated to make use of every opportunity and adapt to situations to follow their dreams. Children shared that the session was a stress buster to them and many felt relaxed.



Awareness on ill effects of plastics

French volunteers referred by Asmae visited the shelter home and interacted with children. They created awareness on ill effects of plastics and sensitized them on environment issues. Children understood the difference between degradable and non degradable products.

Eye camp

On 10th June 2017 Eye camp was organized at shelter home in collaboration with MN Eye hospital. 4 children were referred for eye treatment as they had eye allergy. These children were taken to MN eye hospital for treatment on 14th June 2017, eye drops were given after check up.

2.3.3. Counseling

Group and individual counseling was given to all the children by Arunodhaya Counselor. Group counseling was given on emotional management, overcoming exam fear, love and infatuation, importance of education, health and hygiene and child protection. In individual counseling, child protection, behavioral and attitude change, anxiety and family problem were addressed.

Test for filariasis

During the visit of health department officials on 19th January 2018, a test for filariasis was carried out for 9 children (5 inmates and 4 children from RR nagar).

2.3.4. Health Services - Health check- up

Medical camps were conducted every month at shelter home in collaboration with Chennai Corporation and PHC. De-worming tablets, multivitamin tablets, neelavempu kasayam was given to the children. In case of illness children were taken to Stanley hospital for treatment. First Aid kit is maintained at the centre.

2.3.5. Developing Talents and Potentials

Creative and Recreative activities were organized to bring out the talents and potential of the children and raise them to higher level.

Drawing Classes

Drawing class was conducted every Sunday for children interested in drawing. 5 children who have an aptitude towards drawing, regularly participated in the class. They participated in the drawing competition held by Micro Geekz School on air pollution.



Foot Ball coaching classes

Football coaching is provided to 11 children who showed interest in learning Football. Praise foundation supported by providing Foot ball shoes, knee pad and the coach for training the children. Children were also given Jerseys. Classes were held twice a week from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

2 children from shelter home participated in the second division food ball league organized by Everest Bible chapel. Bafoon got selected in chapel foot ball team.

On 7th October 2017 shelter home football team participated in Junior world cup football match at Donbosco School ground.

Cultural Trainings

Children always showed good interest to dance. To motivate and train them professionally in folk dance, Parai dance training was organied from 17th to 19th May 2017. Mr. Deepan, Friends Folk Dance, trained the students on parai dance. 14 children participated in the training.

Shelter home parai cultural team performed parai during environment awareness program organized in collaboration with Civic Consumer Action Group on environment day on 5th June 2017.

Children also performed parai dance at Praise Foundation annual day function. They were greatly appreciated by the viewers for the fabulous performance.

Candle Making

Children were trained on jelly candle making on 31st August 2017. They made beautiful candles that were kept for sale at Greater Chennai corporation office premises. Children are showing good interest in making handicrafts materials and this exercise keeps them mentally and physically occupied, enabling their creativity



Training on Craft Work

Volunteers from TAJ visited shelter home on 29th March 2018 and trained the children in paper craft work. Children prepared beautiful greeting cards and had yummy snacks.

Exhibition and sale of handicraft materials

Children prepared decoration materials, dolls, greeting cards and craft works during their leisure time. These materials were sold in the exhibition on 18th Aug at Greater Chennai corporation office premises.

The candles made by the children were sold during the Seva Mela exhibition organized at Lady Andal School on 1st and 2nd October 2017 and in Wabag Company on 3rd and 4th October 2017. Many bought the candles to encourage the children and appreciated their work.



2.3.6. Shelter home children participating in other Events

Child Fest

15 children from the shelter home participated in the child fest organized by Loyola College on 25th sep 2017.

Children attended “The Tempest” Play

Children were invited from Helen 'O Grady Drama Academy to witness their play on William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" at The Mylapore Fine Arts Society. On 28th October 2017, children from shelter home attended the play. The children were very happy to see the performance. They said it was very colorful and different experience.

Bharath Yatra

Arunodhaya participated in the Bharath Yatra led by Nobel Peace Laureate Mr. Kailash Satyarthi on 13th September 2017. T.Suresh from shelter home represented Arunodhaya in the consultation organized at Stella Maris College and spoke about how children are affected by drugs, in the presence of Chief Justice, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi and other stake holders.

He also spoke on drug abuse during Bharath Yatra program at Loyola College.

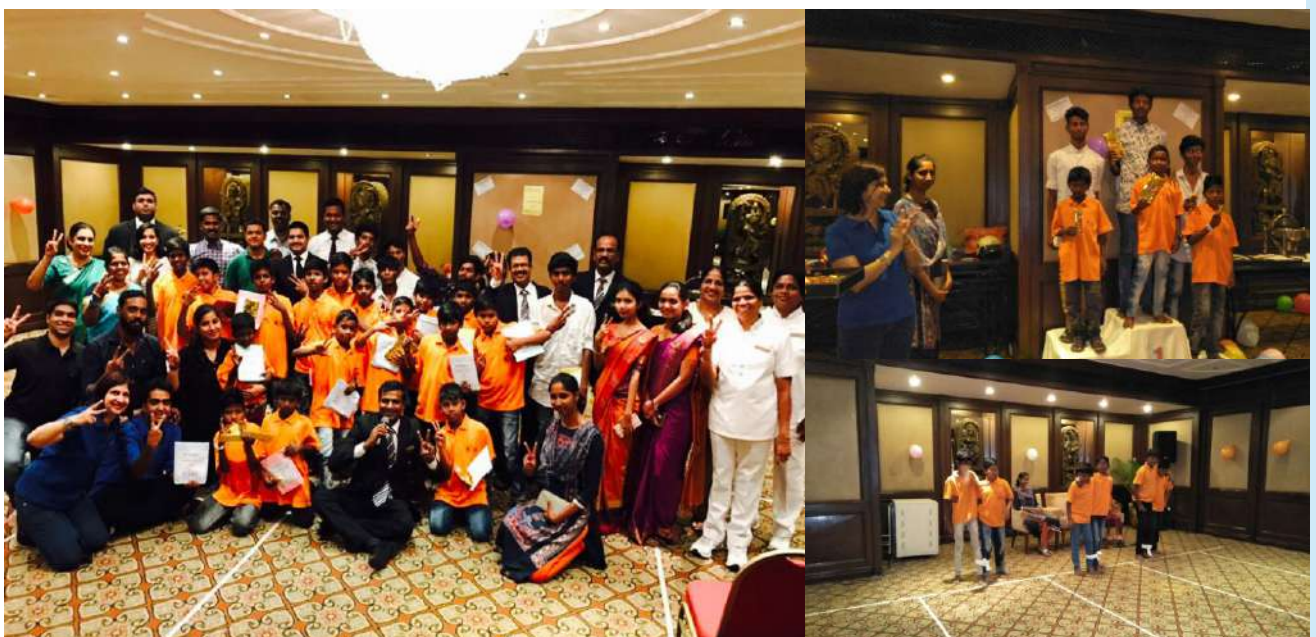
Kutties Sangmam 2017

Arunodhaya in collaboration with RBP Foundation participated in *Kutties Sangmam* a talent show which serves as a platform for the underprivileged children to exhibits their talents. The program was held on 12th November, 2017 at Raja Rathinam Kalaingarangam. 23 children from shelter home participated in the program. Our shelter home children performed para dance which was the inaugural dance for the program.

Sports Day at Taj Hotel

21 children participated in the sports day organized by Taj Coromandel hotel on 18th March, 2018 at Taj hotel. It was a very energetic day for the children. Many events were planned from lemon in the spoon to eating competition. Prizes and gifts were given to the children. Children had a very new experience visiting a star hotel. Children were taken in an AC bus sent by TAJ to the hotel and had lunch at Taj Hotel.

“Hi, My name is J.Samdicrose. From shelter home I was taken to this big hotel, it was very beautiful and clean. I travelled in a big AC bus. It was my first trip in AC bus. I played in all the games and had delicious food. The staff were very friendly. This visit helped me to relax before my exams. Thanks to Arunodhaya Shelter home”. J.Samdicrose, 9th Std.



Visit of First Lady of Germany

The First lady of Germany visited Arunodhaya on her visit to India on 25th March 2018 and interacted with Arunodhaya children sangam children. Two children Selvan J. Sridhar and Selvan M. Suresh who were from Arunodhaya shelter home participated in the program and interacted with the First Lady. They spoke about how their life was transformed through the shelter home.



Awareness on Homeless Day

On 10th October 2017 Arunodhaya Shelter Home created awareness on shelter home and child protection at Mint bus stop. Children from Arunodhaya performed parai and distributed pamphlets to the public.



2.3.7. Children Sangam

Children sangam meeting were held every month. Children were trained on their rights and empowered them. They participated in CACS executive committee election. S. Akash from shelter home was elected as Treasurer.

2.3.8. Volunteers Visit -Visit from Hotel Park Hyatt Chennai

On 28th April 2017 staff team from Hotel Park Hyatt Chennai visited shelter home to interact with the children. They distributed note books and bookshelf for the children. Children had a good time with the employees of hotel.

Special dinner and gifts at Shelter home

Many well wishers came forward to provide special lunch/dinner for children on special days. Only people known to the organisation or referred through well known sources were allowed to provide food.

2.3.9. Observation of special days and celebrations

Commemoration of Dr. Abdul Kalam death anniversary

Children paid respect to Dr. Abdul Kalam by two minuets silent prayer at shelter home.

Independence Day celebration

Arunodhaya shelter home celebrated the 71st Independence Day. Shelter home children performed parai dance and hoisted the flag. Volunteers from France who had come to Arunodhaya to volunteer, participated in the celebration as special guests. Bafoon was part of a play and dance in his school Independence Day celebration. Many children recited poems and gave speeches in their school on this special day.



Diwali Celebration

Children celebrated diwali on 17th-18th October 2017. CCRMC members gave homemade sweets and muruku for the children and celebrated Diwali with them. They also bought a new dress for Dhanush. Mr. Moorthi, a sponsor provided new dresses for children (jeans and T shirts) for Diwali. He came with his family and spent time with the children.

Each child was given a box of sweet from Arunodhaya. Children spent the holidays with nice snack and happiness.

Republic day celebration

Children celebrated republic day at shelter home. Flag was hoisted by Mr. Hari Krishnan, Area Leader. Sweets were distributed. Children recited poems.

Pongal

Shelter home held pongal celebrations on 30th January 2018 Children along with cook prepared sweet pongal. Ms. Virgil D'Sami, Executive Director, Arunodhaya and Mr. Hari Krishnan, Area Leader were the guests during Pongal celebrations. Ms. Virgil d' Sami conducted a small game with the children and had fun. She spoke to the children to study well as exams were approaching . Mr. Hari Krishnan spoke about the importance of discipline to the children. During the program, B. Seenivasan spoke about why pongal is celebrated. subsequently J. Dhanush recited a poem. Children also recited Thirukural. At the end of the program children had pongal.



Christmas Celebration

T. Suresh and B. Babulal who were rehabilitated to Sevalaya came to shelter home for Christmas holidays. They played with their friends, played in the swing which they missed a lot and had chicken biriyani.

Participation in programmes of Arunodhaya

Shelter home children participated in the trainings and programmes of Arunodhaya. These include

- Young facilitator's camp
- 'Steps to Success' - Motivation cum exam orientation session
- Exposure visit to Gigamon IT company
- Confederation of Arunodhaya children sangam convention

Shelter Governance Children Committee

To involve children in the maintenance of the shelter Children Committee on health, education, hygiene, food and administration were formed. The committees meet on Sundays and discuss the functioning of the Shelter home.

Birthday Celebration

Birthdays of children are celebrated at Shelter home. Children decorated the home with balloons and sweets are prepared. The birthday boys cut the cake and share with their friends.



Shelter Home Monitoring Committee Meeting

SMC meeting is organized every month. 11 members including, SHG members, inspector, children representatives and staff participated in the meeting. They discuss status of children and ways to improve the shelter.

Installation of CCTV

4 CCTV was installed in shelter home campus for protection of children. CCTV was installed in verenda, park, area, entrance and kitchen.

Registration under JJ act

Stability certificate, sanitary certificate and building blue print were received from concerned departments in the month of January 2018.

Fire safety equipment were installed in shelter home.



Renovation work Building work

Interior renovation work was done in shelter home for better cleanliness, management and to facilitate children to play in the veranda.

- Tiles was fixed in kitchen wall
- Wash basin fixed near the park area.
- One toilet which was affected in Vardha cyclone was renovated

Compound wall was raised with mesh.

Staff Training and Meetings

Staff Capacity building training

Ms. Vasantha, Shelter home coordinator and Mr. Abinesh, Accountant participated in the capacity building training from 28th to 30th June 2017. This training was organized by the Chennai Corporation. The drawings made by children were displayed in the exhibition at the training.

Night survey planning meeting

Zonal level planning meeting was organised on 31st May 17 for Night survey for homeless. Ms. Vasantha, Coordinator attended the meeting.

Night survey was conducted from 3rd June to 4th June 2017. 18 members were identified and rehabilitated to various homes



Child labour survey

During staff visit, we found that many child laborers were employed in many shops in Ezhil nagar. A survey was done and 7 child laboureres were identified working in bakery, juice and groceries shop. The information was given to CHILDLINE for rescuing.



STORIES OF CHANGE

Ramesh, 18 yrs (name changed) was identified on 23rd March 2017 at Rajarathinam nagar Bus stop, Kodungaiyur, Chennai 118 by Arunodhaya Shelter home staff. He was enrolled in Arunodhya Shelter home on 24th March 2017. During Counseling we identified that he was an inmate of another home and he came out of the home as he didn't like it.

Initially he refused to continue his studies as he failed in 10th std. He was continuously motivated to continue his education. He has special talents in framing lyrics and singing songs. He was trained in candle making, soft toys, parai dance and life skills. He also performed parai in many awareness program organized by Arunodhaya. He represented Arunodhaya in Bharath yatra and spoke about drug abuse among children.

Through continuous motivation he agreed to retake his exams. He wrote 10th re-exam in September 2017 and passed. This step of his life motivated him to continue his education. He is now enrolled for a six months course in confectionary. We wish him all success.

"Thanks to Arunodhaya. I never thought I will complete my 10th std but now I want to study well and get a good job. I am doing a course in Confectionary. I like this course very much. Arunodhaya shelter home is like my home and I will get a job and support many children like me"



2.4. CHILDLINE1098 TIRUVALLUR

Arunodhaya was a Nodal organisation of CHILDLINE 1098 - Tiruvallur since 10th June 2011. The Intervention unit was closed in Dec 17th 2017 and the Nodal responsibility was withdrawn with effect from 7th January 2018.

Awareness and Outreach activities co-ordinated at city level:

- a) World Anti child labour day was observed on 12th June 2011 with district Child Protection Unit. Children from various homes run by NGOs created awareness through a rally Children marched from District collectorate office to Thiruvallur bus stop and raised slogans on Child protection. Arunodhaya Cultural Team performed Parai dance. Nodal Coordinator gave orientation on CHILDLINE1098 to all the children.
- b) IRCDS(NGO) organized an Introduction workshop and Child Protection training with key stakeholders and child protection actors at their premises in Thiruvallur on 22nd June 2011. The Nodal Coordinator explained CHILDLINE1098 activities. The workshop aimed to develop child friendly accountability mechanism in two villages and two Government schools.
- c) District Child Protection Unit Thiruvallur organized a District level meeting on Effective Implementation of JJ Act 2015 with linkages to POCSO Act 2012 in Thiruvallur District Court on 25th June 2017. The stakeholders shared details of their functioning and implementation of JJ.Act 2015.
- d) Awareness on Childline1098, early marriage and child sexual abuse was organised on 21st June 2017 at Madhavaram. Komal video was screened. The programme was held at Jayagopal Garodia Higher Secondary School and Municipality Primary school. The programme reached out to 1020 school children and 15 teachers and ICDS teachers.
- e) The Nodal coordinator gave orientation on Childline1098, child marriage, child sexual abuse and screened komal film during Life Skill Training for youth and adolescent organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra at Adyar Govt youth hostel on 22nd July 2017. 40 youth and adolescents from Chennai and Thiruvallur districts participated in the training.
- f) IRCDS (NGO) one of the resource organizations in Tiruvallur organized a child friendly accountability mechanism- pilot study on 10th August 17. The study outline was shared among teachers, Govt allied systems and parents. The Nodal coordinator shared his opinions on child friendly accountability and creating awareness on CHILDLINE1098 and child protection. All children and parents were educated on CHILDLINE1098 and child rights.
- g) On 23rd August 2017 created awareness among teachers on CHILDLINE1098 and child marriage prevention at Jayagopal Garodia Higher Secondary school, Tiruvottiyur. 15 teachers participated in the event.
- h) On 23rd September 2017 jointly organized a children rally with DCPU and CSI School Thiruvallur on Girl child rights. Slogans on girl child protection and pamphlets were distributed during the rally. At the end of the rally, Arunodhaya cultural team performed street play on girl child rights and protection. 300 children and 20 teachers participated in the event.
- i.) Two CHILDLINE1098 Visibility hoardings were placed on 12th June, which is International day against child labour at the District court and District Legal Service Authority Thiruvallur.





k) CHILDLINE1098 Visibility hoarding was placed by CHILDLINE Nodal on 3rd August 17 at Madhavaram Municipality Zonal office premises with Zonal officer, Area Engineer,

l) The Childline Nodal coordinator organized an orientation training for TANSAC-CBOs staff on Childline1098 activities and child protection on 5th Dec, 17.

j. Childline Volunteers team was been formed with the support of NGOs.

CCRD -13
Hand in hand -6
IRCDS -12

Childline Advisory Board (CAB) meeting

The agenda of CHILDLINE1098 was placed at the quarterly review organised by District Child Protection Unit at the Collectorate. A separate CAB meeting was held on 25th October 2017.

The following decisions were taken

1) Prevent child begging in Minjur, Ponneri, Anuppampattu Railway station and Redhills Bus terminus.

2) Issue circular to all govt and aided schools on display of CHILDLINE1098.

3) Reception unit and CWC need to operate in the same premises for quick intervention and better coordination among CWC, Reception unit and

4) Approval to conduct Child friendly development programme in government schools.



2.5. CHILD HELP DESK EGMORE RAILWAY STATION

Child help desk (CHD) in Egmore railway station functions 24*7 to protect every child who comes in contact with Egmore railway station. It is supported by Ministry of Women and Child Development through Childline India Foundation and organised in collaboration with Ministry of Railways. It was started in June 2015 and 1328 children have been rescued and rehabilitated till March 2018. During the period April 2017 to March 2018, 422 children were rescued with the support of CHD team members, GRP, RPF, porters, auto drivers and passengers.

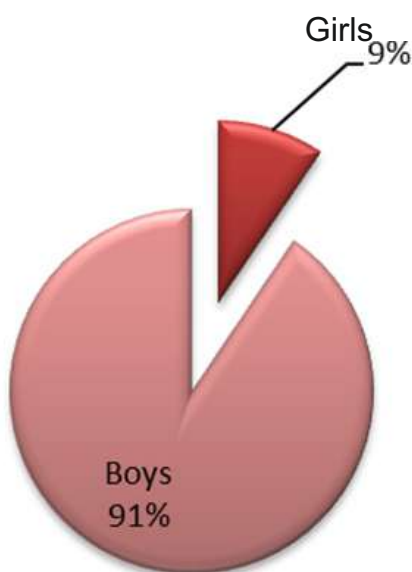
DETAILS OF CHILDREN RESCUED

Total number of children rescued in the year 2017 to 2018 is 422.

Sex ratio of children

Among the 422 children rescued 382 (91%) are boys and 40 (9%) are girls.

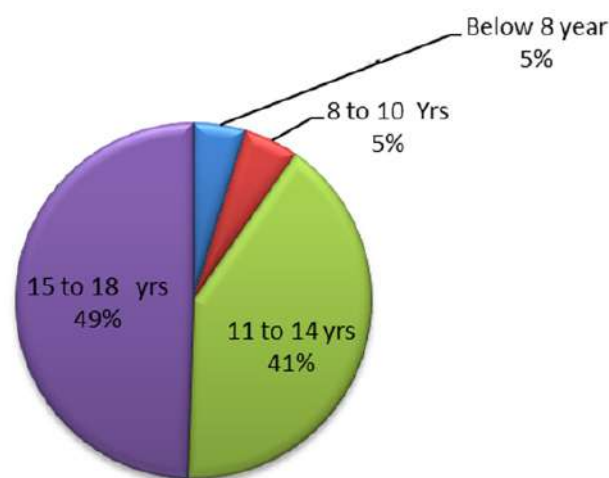
Figure 8 : Sex ratio



Age group of children rescued

The highest number of children i.e. 209 children (49%) were in the age group 15 – 18 yrs. The next dominant age group was 11-14 yrs. with 172 children (41%). The age group 8-10 yrs. had 21 children (5%) and 20 children (5%) were below 8 yrs. The youngest child rescued was 20 days old (rescued with mother)

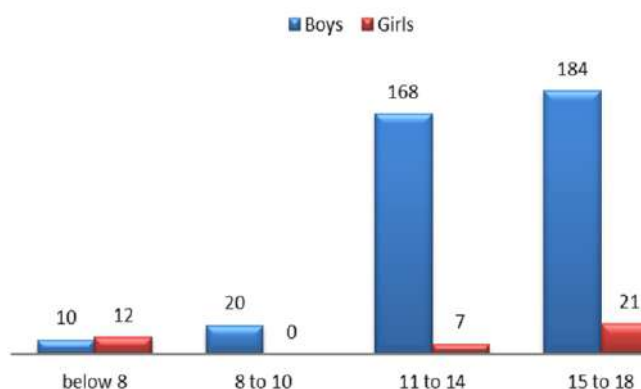
Figure 9 : Age group of children rescued



Age and sex ratio of children

An analysis of the age and sex of the children shows that the highest number of children rescued were in the age group of 15 to 18 years (48% of boys, 53% of Girls). No girl child was rescued in the age group of 8 to 10 years.

Figure 10 : Age and sex of children



Mode of rescue

The children were rescued by CHD team members, RPF, GRP, RPF, porter, auto drivers, railway officials and passengers. CHD team members rescued 240 children (57%), GRP rescued 146 children (34%) RPF rescued 21 children (5%). The remaining 15 children (4%) were rescued by passengers, porters, vendors, railway officials, auto drivers or sought help by themselves.

Statewise representation of children

An analysis of the State wise representation of children revealed that 332 children (79%) were from Tamil Nadu and 90 children (21%) from other states of India.

Among the children from other States, 90 children (31%) were from Bihar. The other major States was Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Assam.

Figure 11 : Mode of rescue

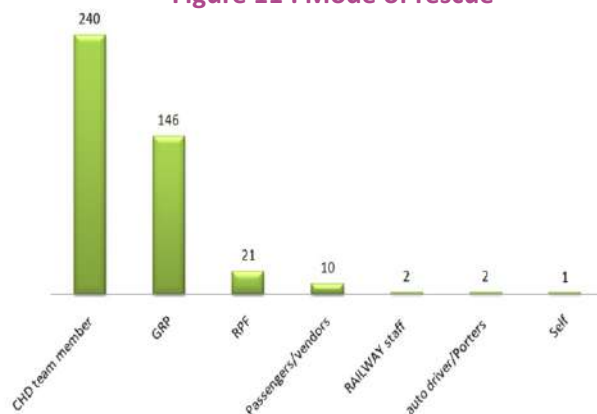


Figure 12 : Statewise representation of children

■ Tamilnadu ■ Other states

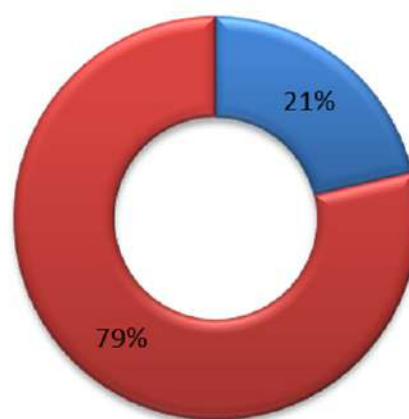
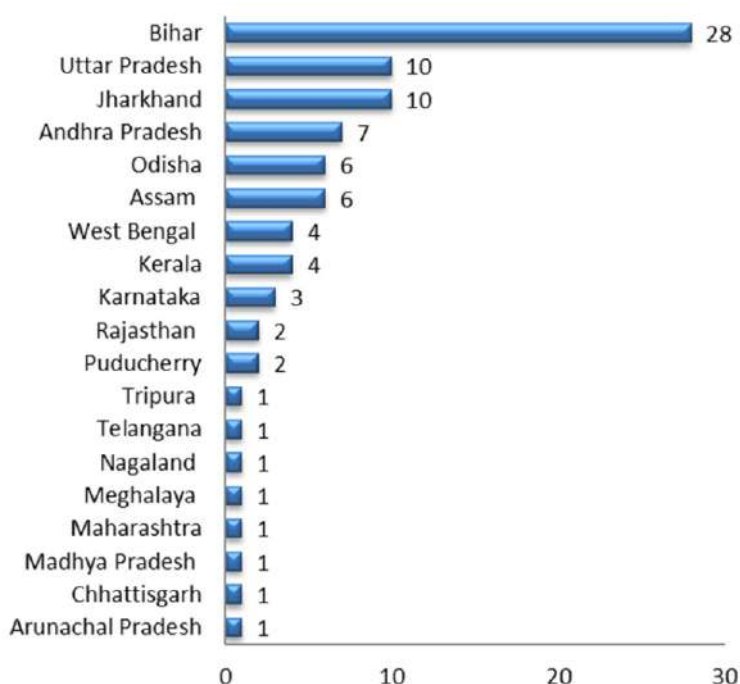


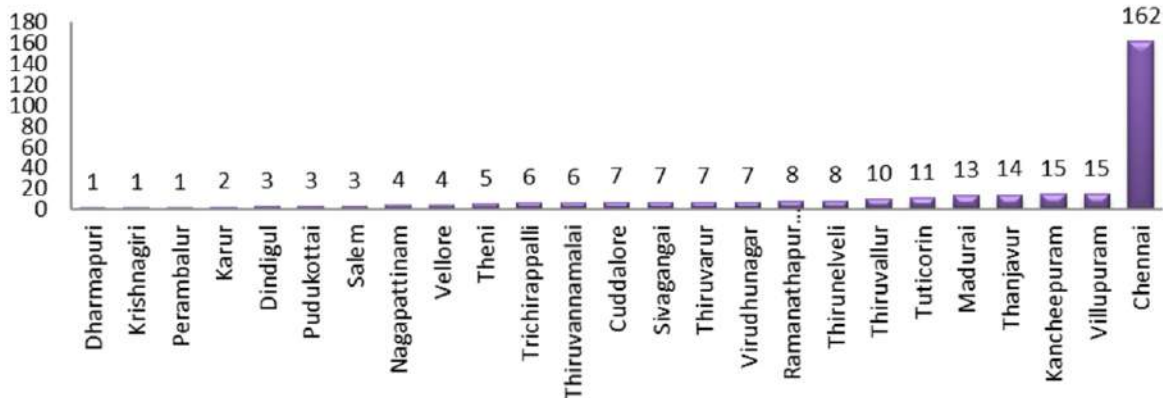
Figure 13 : Details of children from otherstates



Details of children rescued from Tamilnadu

Among the 332 children from TamilNadu 162 children (49%) were from Chennai. Districts with more than 10 - 15 children were Villupuram, Kancheepuram, Thanjavur, Madurai, Tuticorin and Thiruvallur.

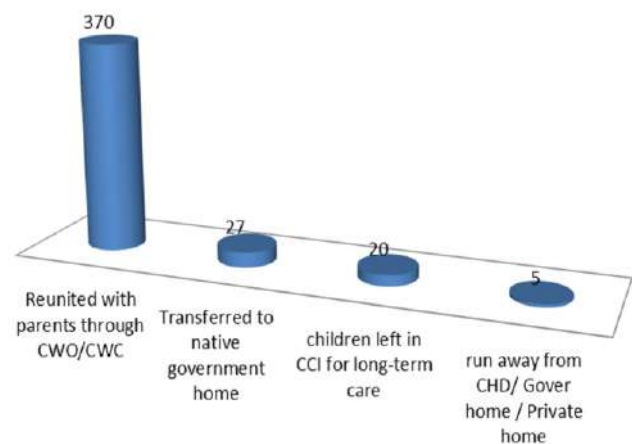
Figure 14 : Details of children rescued from Tamilnadu



Details of rehabilitation

CHD with the support of GRP, RPF and CWC has reunited 370 (88%) children with their parents. 23 children were transferred to native government homes (6%). 20 children are staying in CCI and 5 children ran away after rescue.

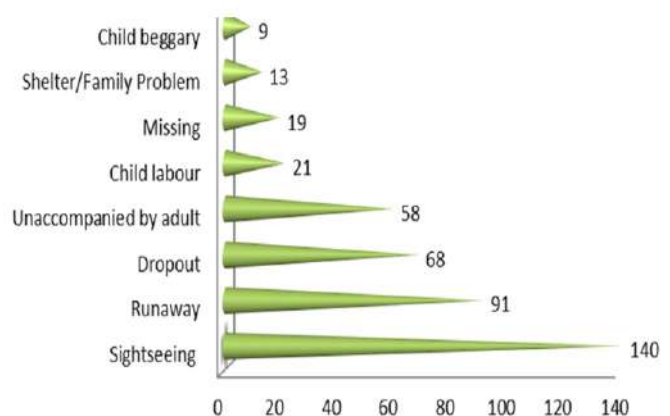
Figure 15: Details of rehabilitation



Reasons for rescue

A majority of the children 140 (33%) had come to Chennai for sightseeing without an adult accompanying them. 91 children (21.5%) ran away from home due to quarrel with their parents/family members or hostile situation at home. 68 children (16%) were school drop outs who had come in search of job. 58 children (14%) were seen alone in railway station in an unsafe condition. 21 children (5%) were child labourers, 19 children (5%) were missing from home, 13 children (3%) had come out alone or were infants with mothers, 9 children (2%) were involved in child beggary and 2 children (0.5%) had eloped.

Figure 16 : Reasons for rescue



Follow up

In the follow up done on the rehabilitated children by CHD team members, 50% of the parents did not respond to the call or the number was not reachable. 27% of children were continuing their studies, 11% of the children were staying at government homes, 6% of children working, 5% were school dropouts and remaining 1% of the children were infants or have completed 18 years of age.

Figure 17 : Rehabilitated Children Followup

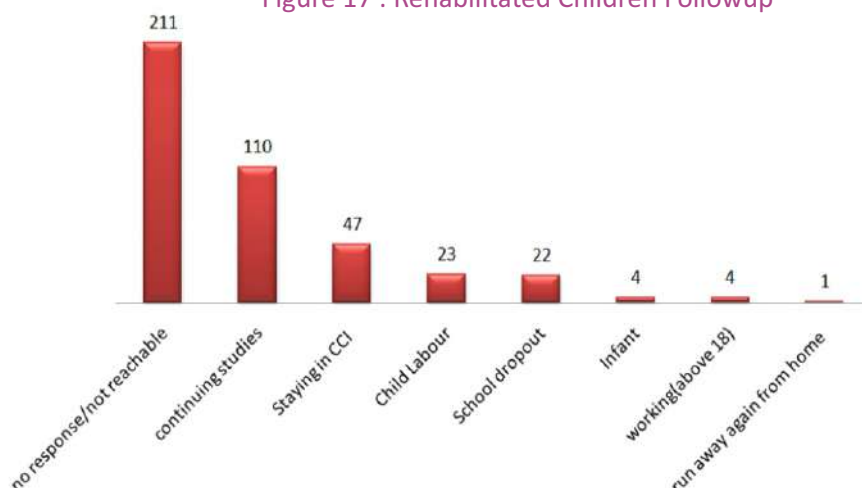


Table 9 : Awareness Programme

S.No.	Date	Activity	coverage
1	13 th July 17	Pamphlets distribution in car, auto and two wheeler parking lot	1500 members
2	26 th Aug 17	Pamphlet distribution in Tiruvanmiyur railway station	200
3	13 th Dec. 17	Meeting with Auto Drivers Union and sticker campaign	30



Commemoration and Celebration of Special Days

2.5.1. International Day against Child Labour

Egmore railway childline commemorated International Day Against Child Labour on 29th June 2017 at Egmore Railway station. Awareness on child protection was created through street play, cultural dance, photo exhibition and mime statues.

The program created good awareness among the general public. Many stood for a long time and witnessed the show. Support groups like auto drivers and shop owners also participated in the program.

2.5.2. National Girl Child Day

National Girl Child Day was celebrated at Egmore railway station. Every girl child at station was greeted with a chocolate and book mark on CHILDLINE 1098. Awareness on importance of girl child education was shared with the families at Egmore railway station. 200 girl children and their families were reached out through this celebration.

2.5.3. International Women's Day Celebration

Women's day was celebrated with the homeless community on 6th March, 2018. The whole community, including men and youth boys, participated in the program. Games and competition was conducted for women. Prizes were distributed to the winners.

Ms. Suganthi spoke about the importance of girl child education and she encouraged the community to support them in following their dreams. The girl children present in the program shared about their dream.

2.5.4. Childline Se dosti week Celebration

Child help desk Egmore Railway station celebrated Childline Se dosti week through drawing competition, Suraksha Bandhan band drive, outreach in local trains, book mark distribution and sticker campaign. Arunodhaya cultural team performed a street play and *oyilattam* creating awareness on child protection. They highlighted the issue of trafficking and the need for support of everyone to intervene for children. The program started with a formal inauguration at Egmore Railway station on 14th Nov 2017. In the week long program, nearly 3000 public and passengers were made aware of child protection and 1098. Egmore railway child help desk team members did many creative activities to raise awareness on child protection

The child help desk was renovated and initiative was taken to make the place child friendly. The room looked new with balloons and colour papers. With support from Chennai volunteers for their support. It also has many play materials and good beds for children to take rest. This has created a positive environment for the children who are rescued.



CHILDLINE SE DOSTI PROGRAMME



Debate – Online safety in collaboration with DonBosco Anbullam.

4 children from Arunodhaya participated in the debate organised on 'Online Safety'. Selvan. M. Altap, Selvan B.Vignesh, Selvi. K. Surthi, Selvan.P.Arum Kumar from Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam spoke on online safety and received first prize. The programme was conducted on 19th November 2017.



Cultural Program in Se Dosti

Arunodhaya staff cultural team performed a street play on child trafficking at Central Railway station during Central Railway Child Help Desk se dosti week celebration on 14th Nov 2017. The program was witnessed by more than 250 passengers.



Human Chain

Arunodhaya women group and staff participated in a human chain, creating awareness on CHILDLINE organised by DBAI on 17th November 2017. 150 children and women stood along the main road from Government home for Boys. Arunodhaya made 60 placards on child protection and held it during the human chain and raised slogans. Arunodhaya parai team performed to get the attention of the people.



Awareness for Peer Supporters

Every month meeting were organised with women and children support groups from homeless community. All the children were enrolled in school. One girl, who completed 12th std, has joined graduation course at Q.M. Arts college. The community members promised that they will ensure good education for their children. Awareness on 1098, importance of education, changes in adolescent stages, health and hygiene and child protection was given to the community.

Regular follow up was done to ensure regularity to school. Through continuous follow up and awareness of CHD Egmre, there were no instances of child marriage and school dropout in Egmre homeless community.

Special meeting was conducted to encourage children to celebrate diwali safely and in an environment friendly manner. Pongal and Women's day were also celebrated with the peer supporters



Skin Camp

During the group work on health and hygiene held in the month of February 2018, majority of the community members had skin allergies. In this regard, a medical camp was organized on 6th March 2018 in collaboration with Chennai Corporation Health Department. 15 children and 29 adults participated in the camp. Medicines were given during the camp. Few members were referred to Rajiv Gandhi Government Hospital for continuation of treatment. The community thanked CHD Egmore for the effort taken.

Udhayam Project Launch

GRP inaugurated Udhayam project and distributed identity cards for 80 volunteers. ADGP, SP, DSP, CWC members, DCPU and Director Arunodhaya were the special guests for the program. CHD Egmore railway station participated in the program and extended their support. Ms. Virgil D'Sami spoke about CHILDLINE1098, CHD and its activities.

INNOVATIVE ACTIONS

Child Help Desk Voice Bank

One of the challenges faced by the team members is in communicating with children who come from North and North eastern states. Communicating with the children and getting basic information was a difficult task. CHD came up with the idea of getting volunteers to translate different languages like Hindi, Urdu, Odiya, Assamese, Bengali, Manipuri, etc. With the support of volunteers we succeeded in identifying 8 volunteers who were willing to provide support through phone as well as in person. Child Help Desk Voice Bank with the contact details of the volunteers was created in December 2017. An orientation was held for the volunteers and they signed on the child protection policy. They have supported in getting information from children which helped us in identifying the families, understanding the situation of the child and in reintegration/rehabilitation of the child.

Spoken Hindi Classes for Team Members

The Team members were equipped with basic knowledge of Hindi through Spoken Hindi classes organised with volunteers from Chennai volunteers. Classes were held once a week and Madras School of Social work granted permission to use one of their classrooms for conducting the classes.

Classes were held from 20th December 2017. This has helped the team members to interact in Hindi with rescued children to a certain extent. Our thanks to Madras School of Social Work management for granting us permission to use the college premises for conducting the classes.

Formation of Peer Supporters

Adult and children support groups was formed with Egmore homeless community. Through medical camp, games and competition we were able to reach out to the homeless community effectively. The adults have become responsible to protect all children. They have also referred children in need of care and protection seen around Egmore railway station to CHD.

Team members training to Build Up Team Spirit

During team members weekly review, team building sessions were conducted. Session on roles and responsibilities, self analysis, personality development, team building and Johari Window were taken for the team members. This created a positive space for team members to work effectively.

Child friendly kiosk with the support of Chennai Volunteers

In the month of November CHD was renovated to make it more child friendly with the support of Chennai Volunteers. The booth was made colourful with lots of pictures, balloons and colour papers. Toys, story books and colourful chairs were made available. The rescued children spend their time more happily till their parents come to rescue them. They are engaged in reading books, playing board games, puzzles, carom board and swinging in seesaw horse.



Snake and ladder game on Child Protection theme

A child protection themed snake and ladder games was designed and given to children to play. The team member explained to the children about various good and bad practices relating to child protection. This was an effective way in creating awareness among children.

Awareness in local train

Pamphlets were distributed in EMU trains during Se dosti week celebration. This helped us to reach out to more members of public.

Child Help Group Meeting

SD (Station Director), CHILDLINE coordinator, CWC, RPF, TTR, auto drivers and porters and RCL coordinator participate in Child Help Group meeting and discussed status of rescued children and way forward for child protection.

Child protection committee meeting were organised in May, June, September and November. SD, RPF, GRP, DSMR, SSE worker, health officer DSMR commercial and CHILDLINE team member participated in the meeting. Data base and reports of CHD were shared in the meeting.

Issues on water leakage, roof installation, mosquito problem, electricity problem and toilet issues were discussed in the meeting. As a result, water leakage was repaired, new roof was fixed, fan and light were installed, mosquito repellent is being sprayed every day, bed and cots were given and toilet facilities have been made for team members. Now children have a safe and protective place. The Child Help Group team has given full support to CHD and a good rapport has been created.

Networking

Coordinators meeting

CHILDLINE Coordinators meeting was conducted on 14th June 2017, 9th August 2017 and 2nd December 2017. CHD, Egmore Railway station coordinator Ms. E. Mala participated in all the meetings.



NGO area mapping was done during the meeting, All the area in Chennai, Kachipuram and Thiruvallur District was divided among the CHILDLINE team. Decision was also taken to do night survey and collective mass campaign.

Resource Directory Meeting

On 7th June, 2017 a meeting was convened to prepare a Chennai resource directory for CHILDLINE at ICCW. CHD Egmore contributed information on RPF, GRP, CWO, train timings, old age homes and open shelter for children. The information was sent to ICCW who took the responsibility of compiling the Resource Directory.

CWO Meeting

CHD, Egmore Railway station representative participated in the CWO meeting organised at SP office on 27th April. CWO from 23 stations was present in the meeting. RCL member shared their monthly report during the meeting.

Planning Meeting on Child Beggary

On 20th April 2017 a planning meeting was organised at the office of the Commissioner of Police for rescue of children involved in child beggary. The raid took place on 21st April 2017 and CHD team member participated in the raid. Two children were identified.

Stakeholders meeting convened by DCPU

Review meeting was organised at DCPU in collaboration with CHES on 19th July 2017. Consolidated report on children rescued and rehabilitated was presented in the meeting. Follow up action was planned.

Exposure visit from GEM College Kerala

12 students from Gems college of Arts and Science, (Malappuram, Kerala), department of social work- 3rd semester visited Child Help Desk, Egmore, as part of their national level government and nongovernmental institutional visit on 28th Sep 2017. The students were oriented about CHD by the team members. They were also taken for platform visit.

Station level stake holders Consultation

Station level stake holders consultation was held on 27th March 2018 at the Child Help Desk, Central Railway Station E. Mala participated in the meeting and raised issues of ID card, role of Udhayam volunteers, publishing children's picture in banners and news paper, strengthening Child Help Group and child protection committee meeting for collective collaboration.

Networking and facilitation visit

Mr. S. Arunmozhi, Senior Program Coordinator visited Arunodhaya on 21st and 23rd Sep 2017 for NF visit. On 21st Mr. Arunmozhi had a meeting with the CHD team members and discussed on area of improvement. He also appreciated the team members for their work.





3. RIGHT TO PARTICIPATION



3.1 Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam



3.2 Children Nagara Sabai



3.3 School Children Council

CHILD PARTICIPATION

Child's right to participation is the link to other rights. Realisation of other rights – right to survival, right to development and right to protection depends on the degree to which children are involved, have space to express their opinion are listened to by adults and acted upon. Arunodhaya initiated the formation of child-led organisations to ensure child participation at the level of family, school and community.

The following child-led initiatives have been taken up

- Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam
- Children Nagara Sabai (urban council)
- School Children Council

Arunodhaya, as the facilitating organisation, invested in building the capacity of children, providing access to information, creating space for children to participate, preparing adults to listen to children and act on the views and concerns expressed by children.

Capacity Building

'Safe use of social media and protection of children' was selected as the theme for the year. Trainings and skill development were organised around this theme.

Young facilitators camps was held from 11th to 13th May 2017 at Tirumullaivoil. 39 children (20 boys and 19 girls) participated in the camp. Mr. John, media person and Ms. Karunya, advocate were the resource persons. Through the training children were led to understand how they should use mobile and social media, the advantage and disadvantage of it, how children can be abused through this and how to protect themselves from abuse.

Area level planning camps were held in 14 areas with the participation of 580 children (287 boys and 293 girls). Area level plan was drawn. 15 young facilitators along with the staff of Arunodhaya facilitated the camps.

Leadership training was organised in all the zones. In Korukkupet and Tiruvottiyur in March 2018.

Training on gender equality 10 children- (5 boys and 5 girls) participated in Bridging the Gap camp held in Surat – Gujarat. One staff and one youth volunteer accompanied the children. It was held from 29th to 31st December 2017. The programme was organised by Katradi- an NGO working on gender and adolescent issues. There were 80 children (40 boys and 40 girls) from other parts of the country. The children had an opportunity to meet with children from different parts of the country and learn their lifestyle. All the three days were packed with fun filled activities which sensitized them on gender equality. They were led to question gender stereotyping that affected the development of both boys and girls. Through Frisbee games the children were enabled to play together without gender bias. On return from the camp the children shared their experience with other children.

Training on First aid was organised in Korukkupet in the month of February 2018.

Street theatre training was held on 9th and 10th February 2018 at Aicuf house. Twenty five members participated. Ms. Sangeetha from Katradi was the resource person.

Peer supporters training was conducted to orient the peer supporters on their role and responsibility and on effective communication.

Training in public speaking was organised in Korukkupet and Ennore. 47 children participated in Korukkupet and 60 children in Ennore. Mr Prasanna, a public speaker was the resource person.

An exposure cum motivation session was organised in collaboration with Gigamon- IT company.

24 children from CACS studying from 10th to 12th std. participated in the programme held on 28th November. It was a novel experience for the children interacting with the employees of the IT company for one full day. Each child was given a mentor who explained their work and life experience. At the end of the day five employees who come from an underprivileged background but made it up on the life ladder through personal struggle shared their life experience.

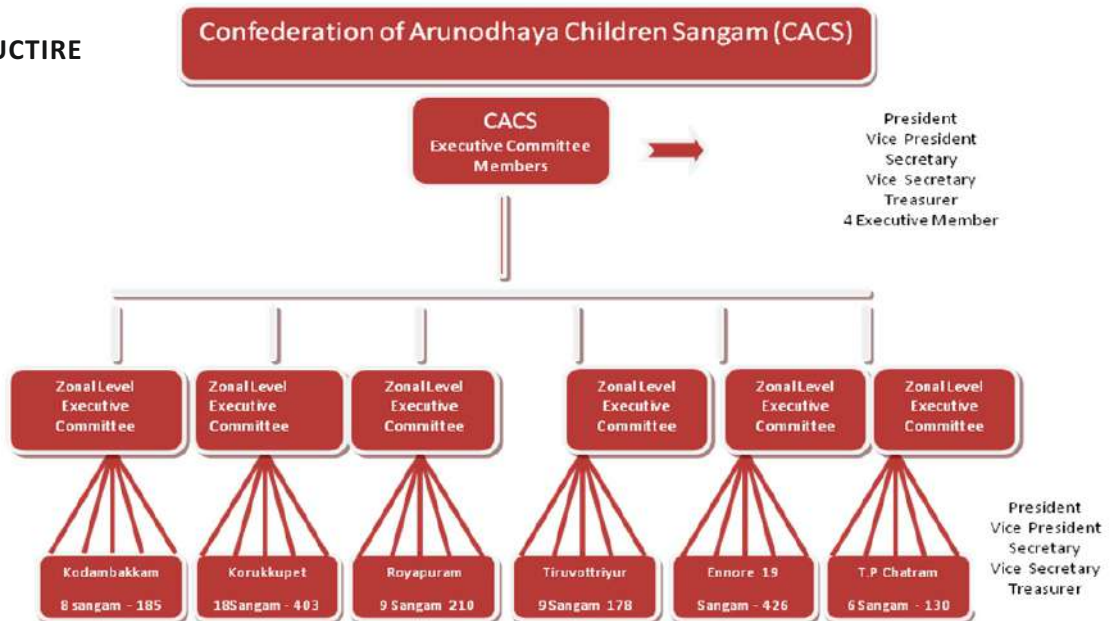
It was a great motivation for the children

3. CONFEDERATION OF ARUNODHAYA CHILDREN SANGAM (CACS)

CACS has 83 units with a membership of 3123 children. It has a democratic structure which provides opportunities for children to have the experience of holding leadership position, taking decisions etc. It also facilitates flow of communication from one level to another. Children have the experience of electing their leaders in a democratic way.

- Area level meetings were held once in a month.
- Zonal level meetings once in three months
- Confederation network meeting once in three months
- The executive committee meets once in three months before the confederation meeting.

CACS STRUCTURE



Issues discussed at Confederation network meeting

- Children reviewed the actions done and planned for the next three months.
- The capacity building programmes were finalised
- Election of new Executive Committee was held in September 2017
- The newly elected Executive members met in September 2017 to have an understanding of their roles and responsibilities
- Consolidated the action plan that was prepared at area level
- Organising children nagara sabai at ward level
- Issues of child sexual abuse, drug sale near school premises, online safety were discussed and actions planned
- Planned for advocacy actions
- Children made the plans for Joy of Giving week programme.
- Planned for the convention
- Children sent their representatives to the strategic planning meeting of Arunodhaya

Peer supporters

Peer supporters were selected in each area to strengthen the area level unit and facilitate participation of children in meetings and other activities. There are 125 (51 boys and 74 girls) peer supporters.

- Peer supporters played a key role in ensuring participation of children in area level review and planning meeting.
- Motivated participation in anti child labour day, enrolment campaign and child protection day.
- In T. P. chatram and Chetty thottam, the peer supporters facilitated children sangam meetings.
- Motivated the children to participate in the Joy of Giving week programme.
- Facilitated reading session during children sangam meetings
- Encouraged children to participate effectively in CACS convention
- Motivated children in their Sangams to participate in events organised for Children's day like Koodi vilayadu, Kuttis Sangamam and in the training on Public speaking and in the visit to Gigamon- IT.

Advocacy Actions By CACS

Advocacy against drugs and substance abuse

Children raised the issue of sale of drug laced chocolates near schools. They were involved in identification of the shops with the support of women group members. Based on presentation by the children, the CCRMC members in Nehru nagar took up the issue, visited shops and instructed not to sell drug laced chocolates. In one shop the shop keeper responded by burning all the drug laced chocolates in public.

During the launch of Bharat March against child sexual abuse in Chennai on 13th September 2017 representative from CACS shared on the issue of sale of drugs near school premises and called for strict implementation of the ban. He also demanded that action should be taken against the police officials, food inspectors and health inspectors under whose jurisdiction such sale of drugs happen. Chief Justice Chennai High Court and Mr. Kailash Satyarti, Noble peace prize winner and Organiser of Bharat yatra against child sexual abuse were present on the occasion.

International Children day – 20th November 2017.

This year UN declared 20th November 2017 as International Children day with the theme Kids take over.

Five Children interacted with Fever FM on 17th November 2017 and shared their opinion and views on problems faced by children and their expectation from adults.

On 19th November 2017 a discussion was held with 12 children as preparation for the panel discussion to be held on 20th November 2017 on the theme of Kids take over.

On 20th November 2017, 5 children participated in the International children day programme organised by UNICEF. They interacted with Ms. Trisha (Actor) goodwill ambassador of UNICEF, Ms. M.P. Nirmala, Chairperson, SCPCR and Mr. Job Zachariah, Chief, UNICEF and debated on issues related to children such as child marriage, education, adolescent problems and child labour.





CACS Annual Convention

CACS Annual Convention was held on 6th January 2017 on the theme “25 years of Child Rights in India.” Children prepared for the event through area level and zonal level meetings and discussion. During the Convention, children shared their experience in children sangam, what they have gained and what is to be done. The main demand presented was on online safety for children. Mr. D. Saravanan, District Child Protection Officer was the chief guest on the occasion.

Advocacy on safe use of social media

Young facilitators shared information on social media with other members of CACS and in schools. During the CACS annual convention held on 6th January 2018, one boy spoke on the effect of social media. It was highly appreciated by the District Child Protection Officer who was the chief guest.

Don Bosco Anbu Illam organised a debate contest on Online safety as part of Childline Se Dosti programme. 4 children from CACS participated in the competition. There were participants from 3 organisations. First and second prize was won by the members from CACS. The training provided on online safety and public speaking helped the members to win in the competition.

Advocacy against child labour and towards education

In Athipet, the parents were found to engage children in fishing. The children decided to organise an advocacy and campaign in the area in March 2018 against child labour and convey the message to parents. They carried placards asking parents not to take children for fishing but send them to school. Teachers from school also joined in the advocacy programme. Advocacy campaign on education was held at AIR site. The school children went around the areas raising slogans on the importance of education and a public meeting was held in March 2018.

Advocacy against child marriage

Programme on child protection and early marriage was organised in Model lane, Royapuram in October 2017.

In connection with National girl child day, an advocacy programme was held at Nehru nagar against early marriage in January 2018.

Awareness and advocacy on ill effects of early marriage was held at Korukkupet. Women group members did a play on child marriage.

Advocacy on girl child

Various programmes were organised to mark the National Girl Child day on 24th January 2018.

In Nehrunagar, (Korukkupet) a human chain was held to create awareness on importance of girl children and Pongal was celebrated.

Maternity wards in R.S.R.M. hospital, PHC Solaiappan street were visited. Mothers who delivered girl children were congratulated and sweets were distributed.

A Rally was organised in V.S. Puram (T.P. Chatram) on girl child

Around 200 adolescents and youth marched across Minambal nagar and Bharathi nagar carrying message on gender equality on 25th February 2018. The rally started from Minamabal nagar flagged off by the Inspector of Police, R.K. nagar police station. The rally was made lively and attractive with Parai dance, Oyilattam and Kazhaliattam.



The participants carried placards with slogans calling for gender equality. A decorated cart accompanied the rally with pictures on programmes carried out by the adolescent group. Two street plays were performed on the way which triggered the public to think of the ways in which a girl child is subdued and the need for practising gender equality. The rally ended at the Community park with Frisbee game played by girls and boys. After the games the adolescents shared their experience of participating in the Ilanthalir groups, their learnings and the change in their life.

Advocacy against child abuse

In March 2018 advocacy on Child abuse was held in Kodamabakkam

Kailash Satyarti Foundation started by nobel laureate Mr. Kailash Satyarti organised Bharat Yatra against child abuse. The Bharat yatra started at Kanyakumari on 11th September 2017 and culminated at Delhi on 24th October 2017. Arunodhaya was a member of the Chennai committee and was involved in making the preparations for the sub yatra launch held at Chennai on 13th September 2017.



As a preparation, Arunodhaya team members were involved in organising a workshop with children and adolescents to prepare them to participate in the Survivors meet which formed part of the Launch of Sub yatra. 35 children and adolescents from 7 organisations had participated in the workshop. Child abuse situations such as bonded labour, street children, drug abuse by children, sexual abuse, child labour and eviction were the issues raised by children. These children shared their experience during the Survivors meeting in the presence of Chief Justice of Madras High court Ms. Indra Bannerji and Mr. Kailash Satyarti. Arunodhaya facilitated the full session.

Two staff and 3 adolescents participated as core marchers in the Bharat Yatra and they travelled through Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram and Vellore districts.

World vision has initiated a campaign against sexual abuse of children. Arunodhaya was invited for the planning meeting. Ms. Virgil D'Sami participated in the meeting. As a part of the campaign, consultation was organised for children and youth on child sexual abuse. Ms. Mala from Arunodhaya was in the resource team for facilitating both the consultations.

Arunodhaya mobilised participation of children from coastal and tribal community and youth from coastal, tribal and art sector. 5 children and 6 youth from Arunodhaya participated in the children and youth consultation.

CACS Experience The Joy of Giving

Joy of giving was celebrated from 2nd to 8th October 2017. The Children Sangam made plans to share what they have with the most needy. The activities were organised at zonal level. Children initiated a drive in their communities to collect sugar, rava, dhal. Children soon after their return from school got ready for sugar collection. They went around their community explaining about Daan Utsav, why they are collecting items and what will be done with it. This process of Sugar drive spread the message of Daan Utsav across the community. The people appreciated the effort of children and though they themselves are underprivileged they came forward to donate. Children were able to collect 90 Kg of sugar and 14 kg of fruit. During the collection some of them sponsored cash and gave flour and rawa. 10 kg of fruits was purchased for Rs. 950.

Children distributed the materials in 2 children homes, 3 old age home and 2 hospitals. During the process of distribution the children interacted with the residents and shared the joy with each other.

It was a very different experience for the children when they visited different homes and interacted with the residents. They spent time with the residents and played with them. Some of the residents shared their experience with the children and blessed them wholeheartedly

Children also visited Stanley hospital children ward and Tsunami hospital in Ennore and gave fruits to the children and patients admitted in the wards. They spoke with each child and encouraged them.

Interaction with the First lady of Germany- a Rewarding experience

The President of Germany along with the First lady of Germany were on a State visit to Chennai in the month of March. The First Lady is also the UNICEF Ambassador in Germany and she desired to meet with children group. UNICEF Chennai selected Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam for the visit.

The event took place on Sunday, the 25th March at the premises of St. Anne's school in Royapuram. The First lady was given a warm welcome in a traditional way with garlands, and traditional dance by children. Along with First lady, UNICEF national director and the team from UNICEF Chennai office were present.



CACS representatives shared with the First Lady about the CACS activities, the change that has come about in their personal lives, campaigns and advocacy done by them, intervention related to child protection like stopping child labour, child marriage etc. The First lady was very keen to listen to the children; she made them sit next to her and listened to them attentively. She asked the children on what they consider as important issue affecting them. Children responded by identifying child labour, education, gender discrimination, child marriage and child sexual abuse as issues that need to be addressed immediately. On the question related to what they want to be in future – the response from the children was – Doctor, lawyer, police, IAS officer, teacher, social worker, IT professional. When asked about their role models, it was very interesting to note that children referred to their peers who were in leadership position in CACS as their role models. Children also cited the former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and a Police officer- Ms. Kiran Bedi.

Children had questions for the First lady. They asked her about the situation of children in Germany, the problems faced by them. One of the previous CACS member who is an artist presented a picture of the First Lady drawn by him.

After the interaction with the First Lady, UNICEF National director had a meeting with the children. She shared with them about the functioning of UNICEF at the global level and national level. Children asked her detailed information on 'children take over' campaign and the work of UNICEF in Tamil Nadu.

On the whole it was a very good exposure for the children. The interaction was very enriching and it raised the confidence level of the children.



3.2. CHILDREN NAGARA SABAI (CHILDREN URBAN COUNCIL)

CACS initiated *Children Nagara Sabai* to ensure child participation in governance at local level. Since the local body elections have been postponed the activities of Children Nagara Sabai could not be conducted in full swing.

Children nagara sabai meeting were held in five wards
- Ward No. 3,(2 meetings) 7, 9,38,47 (2 meetings).

Child councilars meeting was held in the above wards prior to children nagara sabai meeting to plan for the children nagara sabai. Rally was organised in the communities prior to the Children Nagara Sabai. The support of community members and community leaders was obtained.



3.3. SCHOOL CHILDREN COUNCILS

In the month of June the order copy received from Chennai Corporation was shared with concerned head masters to get permission. An introduction about the program, its aim, objective and activities was shared with each school.

Objective of School children council

- Create a child friendly atmosphere in school
- Children participation ensured in school activities
- Developing leadership among children

School children council were formed in the month of July in the following schools

- Chennai Primary School, Meenambal Nagar, Korukkupet
- Chennai Primary School, Anna Nagar, Korukkupet
- Chennai Primary School, JJ Nagar, Korukkupet
- Chennai Primary School, Ranganathapuram, Korukkupet

- Chennai High school, Stanly Nagar, Korukkupet
- Chennai High school, Coronation nagar, Korukkupet
- Chennai Primary School, MGR Nagar, Kodungaiyur
- Chennai Primary School, Rajarathinam Nagar, Kodungaiyur
- Chennai Higher secondary School , Patel Nagar, Tondiarpet
- Chennai Primary school, Kargil nagar, Tiruvottiyur
- Chennai Middle school, Tyagi Sathyamoorthynagar, Tiruvottiyur
- Chennai Middle school, AIR site, Tiruvottiyur
- Chennai Middle school, Therady, Tiruvottiyur
- Deivasigamani middle school (aides) Tiruvottiyur

The Class teachers supported us in selecting 2 representatives from each class. The first session was held in the month of July. Meetings were conducted once a month on the following topics

Orientation on School children council - Children were informed of the objective and functioning of School Children Council. Four committees were formed on education, hygiene, noon meal and safety. Children were happy to be the change makers and transform their school as child friendly school.

Identification of issues and action plan - Children were enabled to identify three major issues in and around schools that request immediate attention and plan the action that can be initiated.

Arunodhaya team supported in conducting Enrolment campaign in all the schools. Chennai Middle school, Therady and Kargil nagar and AIR sit in Tiruvottiyur had requested for upgradation of their schools. Play ground was requested in Chennai middle school, Theradi and Chennai primary school, Kargil nagar, Tiruvottiyur. On Teachers day, the children felicitated the teachers with handmade card and flowers.



Leadership - Session on qualities of a leader and how they can be a good leader was held.

Health and hygiene - Children were made aware of handwash, importance of hygiene, keeping the class room and surrounding clean. The hygiene committee took the responsibility of maintaining cleanliness

Child rights events - In the month of November, drawing completion was held on the topic – The school I desire and elocution completion on the topic 'What will I do for children If I were a Super man'.

Children participated with eagerness and prizes and certificates were given to children. World children day was celebrated in all the schools. On this occasion the leaders of the different committees were given badges.

Child abuse - Information on abusive situation and how to protect themselves. Children were made aware of safe and unsafe touch.

Communication and team work - how to communicate with each other, effective communication and team work

Disaster management - Kinds of disaster, how to prevent, protect and what are the measures to be taken.

In all the schools, teachers were also present during the session. The minutes of the meeting was shared with the head of the school for effective collaboration

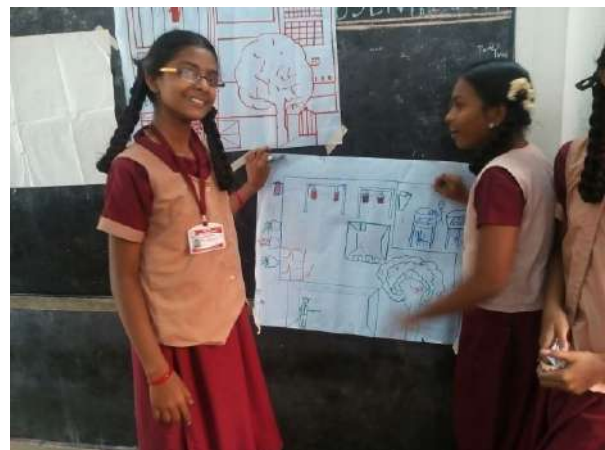


Table 10 : School Children Council Activities

S.No.	School	Actions initiated
1	Chennai Middle School Tyagi Sathyamoorthy nagar, Tiruvottiyur	Garden cleaned
2	Chennai Primary School, Kargil nagar, Tiruvottiyur	RO purifier installed with the support of Ashok Leyland
3	Chennai Primary School, J.J. Nagar, Korukkupet	In consultation with the teachers, toilets on first floor allocated to girls and the one on the second floor for boys
4	Chennai Primary School, R. R. Nagar, Kodungaiyur.	Children presented the demand at the Zonal office and the ground has been cleaned Library started by Arunodhya at R.R. nagar Enrolement drive conducted. Follow up done to prevent drop out. Children themselves are taking the responsibility
5	Chennai Primary school, MGR Nagar, Kodungaiyur	Children are taking noon meal in a hygienic manner
6	Chennai Middle school, Coronation nagar, Korukkupet	Children presented the demand to the inspector of Police and traffic police has been posted to regulate traffic at the opening and closing time of school.
7	Chennai middle school, AIR Nagar, Tiruvottiyur	Grill fixed at the Parapet wall of first floor to provide safety to children. Awareness rally conducted on child protection Awareness provided to children not to eat unhygienic food sold near the school
8	All schools	Enrolement drive conducted





4. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT



4.1 Organising Women



4.2 Arunodhaya Youth Forum



4.3 Micro Insurance



4.4 Vocational Training and Job Placement

4. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

4.1. ORGANISING WOMEN

Mahalir Sangam

Enhancing the socio, political and economic status of women and ensuring their participation in promotion and protection of children is the main objective of organizing women as Mahalir sangam. Area level, Ward level, Zonal level and District level federation of Mahalir sangams were formed.

Trainings and awareness sessions were organized for women on the following themes.

- Team building
- Action to stop drug abuse
- Disaster preparedness
- Juvenile Justice Act
- Child marriage prevention act
- Child protection mechanisms.
- Parenting
- Awareness on communicable diseases
- Awareness on Cancer
- First aid
- Domestic violence act
- Mental health

The following programme are organized for empowering women.

- Self help groups
- Income generation programmes
- Domestic workers association
- Unorganised women workers union

Self Help Groups

Self Help Groups were formed to inculcate the habit of saving and providing space for women to meet together, share their success and failures and gain strength from each other.

Table 11 : Details of Self Help Groups

Zone	No of Groups	Number of Members	Savings
Kodambakkam	10	150	2,40,000
Thiruvotriyur	28	590	10,64,000
Korukupet	31	470	7,68,000
Ennore	12	180	2,72,000
Chemmencherry	2	30	48,000
Royapuram	10	150	2,40,000
Total	93	1570	25,82,000

Training on maintenance of registers was organized for all the groups.

Income Generation Programs

Women were encouraged to start income generation activities and they were referred for credit linkages with banks and internal loan from SHG.

550 women are doing individual business

41 SHG groups are doing group business.

This has given women financial independence, empowerment and ensured education for their children.

Figure 18 : Income Generation

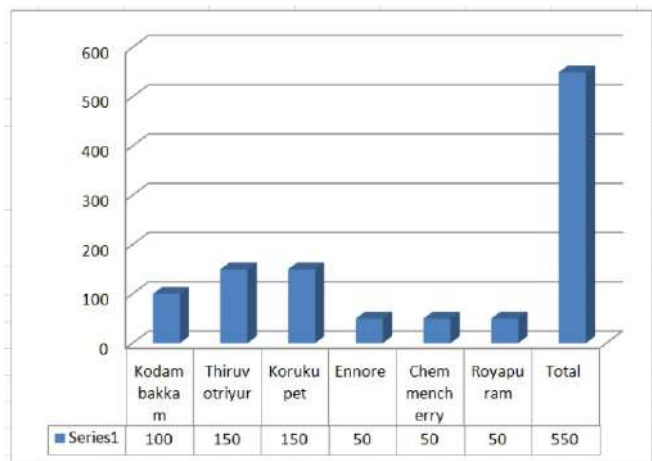
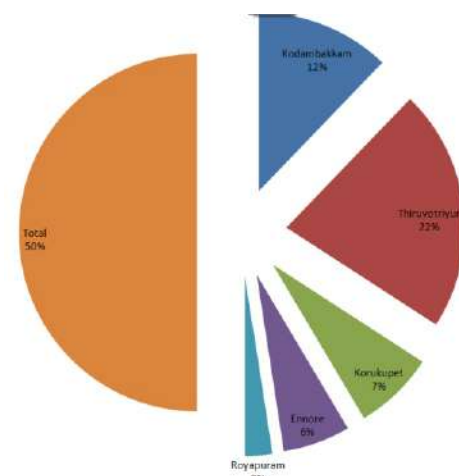


Figure 19: Group Business



Quarterly meeting were held at zonal level for women entrepreneurs. Training was given for developing marketing skill.



Arunodhaya SHG's displayed stalls in Trade Fair in collaboration with TNSCB. 3 groups put up their stalls from 13th January 2018 to 27th March 2018. They were able to earn from INR1500 to INR 2000 per day.



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An entrepreneur with a difference

Nisha (36 yrs) started a Mop stick company and has provided employment to 8 women. Among them four are differently abled and two are single women. The ordeal she went through in her life inspired her to provide employment to the most vulnerable women.

Nisha was stopped from school after completing 10th std. She started working in a Mop stick company and she had to leave this job after her marriage. But she started working from home and supplied it to nearby shops.



In 2012 she joined Suriyagandhi self help group promoted by Arunodhaya which proved to be a turning point in her life. The trainings and the meetings held at the self help group improved her self confidence and developed her entrepreneur skill. In 2013 she took a loan of Rs. 50,000/- from ward level federation to buy an electric machine and expanded her business. The membership in SHG gave her the ability to convince her husband and get his support for her business. Nisha is able to make a profit of Rs. 14,000/- per month.

"Hi, My name is Rukmani and work in Nisha Mop company. I have speech impairment and the job here fetches me Rs. 6000/- per month. I feel very confident of myself and with this amount I am able to pay for my children's education". K. Rukmani, 36 years

Domestic workers Association

Arunodhaya Domestic Workers Association has a membership of 1105 women. All members are registered with the Welfare board.

The Domestic Workers Association is linked with TamiNadu Domestic Workers Union and National Domestic Workers Movement. Representatives from Arunodhaya Domestic Workers Association participated in the consultations and meetings related to minimum wages for domestic workers and improving the status of domestic workers.

Domestic workers Annual Day was held on 1st August 2017 as Sherkan Thotam. The theme was "Right to Minimum wages and livelihood".

4. Unorganised Women Workers Union

Number of unorganized workers registered in welfare board - 663

International Women's Day Programme

Women's Day was celebrated in all the zones on the theme 'Equal opportunity to all women'. Games and competition were conducted in all the areas to motivate women groups. Prizes were also distributed. Women groups took initiative to organise the programs.



A collective Women's Day was celebrated at District Federation level on 28th April 2017 at Jai Palace, Royapuram. 300 women participated in the program. 18 women were selected for 'Achiever's Awarded' and were honored during the program.

Women group from Korukupet celebrated women's day on 8th March 2018 on the theme "Stop Child Marriage". Women performed street play on child marriage and created awareness on child protection.

• Participation of Mahalir Sangams in Promotion of Child Rights

Mahalir Sangams play an active role in supporting Children sangams and child protection related activities.

- Women have volunteered as Adult Peer Educators and Community Counselors
- Representatives of Mahalir sangam are members of Community Child Rights Protection Committee
- Women support Children Sangms in their advocacy actions
- Mahalir sangams visit factories in their area and identify child labour and motivate them to join school
- Participate in organizing enrolment campaign
- Take an active role in Parent Teachers Association and School Monitoring Committees
- Provide support in organizing Children *Nagara Sabai* meetings
- Signature campaign was organized for effective functioning of PHC at Semmanchery



4.2. ARUNODHAYA YOUTH FORUM

ARUNODHAYA PUDHUMAI ILAINGAR IYAKKAM

Arunodhaya aims at channelizing the youth force towards constructive and positive actions with a commitment to personal and social development. Various interventions were organized to build the capacity of youth, develop their skills, build positive attitude and grow with social consciousness.

Arunodhaya Pudhumai Ilaingar Iyakkam (APII) has a membership of 1117 (743 -boys and 374 girls). APII is led by the Youth Parliament which consists of representatives elected by the members of APII. Youth Parliament meets once in two months, review their activities, identify issues and initiate action on it. The Youth parliament also coordinated sports and cultural activities.

A survey was conducted in areas to select area level leaders who would support Arunodhay activities once a week. 160 leaders (80 boys and 80 girls) volunteered and they support in conducting CACS area level meetings and volunteer in other programs.

A new second level youth cultural team has been formed with 25 members and they practice folk dances on weekends. Old members of Arunodhaya cultural team supported in training the second line team

Members of APII in Rajaji nagar and Kargil nagar have started tuition centres to support marginalised children in education. They have also enrolled 7 children in schools through RTE quota.



Awareness on Drug Abuse

Arunodhaya conducted a research on 'Youth and Impact of Drug Abuse'. 40 youth participated in the survey. APII youth members supported in referring responders for the survey. As a follow up awareness training on drug abuse was conducted for 30 youth. The members promised to refrain from drugs and refer drug addicts to rehabilitation centre.

Youth members celebrated Independence Day by sponsoring note books and education materials to children. They also volunteered for blood donation and social welfare activities. 50 youth members were referred for DCA course at Arunodhaya training centre. 40 youth were supported for job placements.



4.3. MICRO INSURANCE

Micro Insurance scheme of LIC was implemented to provide space for saving and support in case of death or other grievous situations. Total policy taken by the community members is 1909. Total amount of death claim received is Rs. 4, 54,400

Table 12 :Details of Micro Insurance

Details	Total number
Total Policy	1909
Total number of maturity	165
Total number of surrender	132
Total Death claim	14

The policy members details are computerised and updated regularly. Home visits and group meetings were conducted to motivate policy members on the importance of savings. Counselling was given on effective usage of maturity and death claim money. The members have put the money in fixed deposit on their children's name.

The manager from LIC visited Arunodhaya and briefed staff about the new schemes available. A meeting was also organised in tribal villages (Sadayankuppam and Athipet) to explain new scheme for the benefit of the community.

4.4. VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT

Skill Development Training

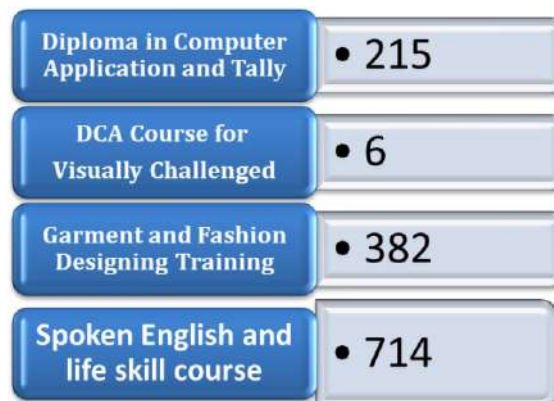
Arunodhaya in collaboration with Chennai Container Terminal Private Ltd. DP World, TNSCB and Oviya has empowered 784 women and youth through skill development training during the year 2017-18.

The program seeks to improve the skills of women and youth, so as to enable better employment opportunity and economic well-being.

Diploma in Computer Application and Tally, DCA Course for Visually Challenged and Garment and Fashion Designing Training were offered for the candidates. 545 students have been provided with employment opportunities.

The details of candidates enrolled in courses is given below

Figure 20: Details of candidates enrolled



Diploma in computer Application

During the period April 2017 -March 2018, 215 candidates enrolled in DCA course. DCA is a six month course offered for deserving youth boys and girls. The curriculum includes Tally, MS office, Photoshop, Coral draw and HTML.

Campaigning was done to create awareness on the availability of this course in 9 places around Royapuram (Meenachiamman petai, Nagathamam kovil, Panamara Thoti, GM Patai, Kasipuram, CG colony, Tondaiyar Nagar, Ameranjipuram, Puthumanai kuppam). Centre staff and students participated in the campaigning. 60 students enrolled in the course through this campaign.



DCA Course for Visually Challenged

Arunodhaya started DCA course for visually challenged. They are trained in MS Office, typing, mobility skills and spoken English. 6 candidate enrolled in class and 3 completed. The course was facilitated by a visually challenged trainer. The students came from other districts such as Tanjore, Trichy, Pudukottai, Puducherry etc. They needed accommodation and food facility. Since Arunodhaya does not have this facility we could not succeed in retaining the students. For three girls we were able to find accommodation with shelter for physically challenged run by the Regina charitable at Kodambakkam.

In collaboration with Worth Trust, a folding cane and Braille books on DCA was given to the candidates on completion of the training. A large print book was given to Kavitha who is partially visually challenged.



"Hi, my name is Kavitha. I am from Trichy. After my graduation I was not able to get a job that supports my challenges. I was referred to Arunodhaya training centre. I completed Diploma in Computer Application in Arunodhaya. Now I am working in Reliance as sales executive. As a Fresher I am earning Rs. 7000 per month. This money is useful to support my parents and buy things for myself. I am also learning to make invoice in this company. I believe that I will be soon promoted as accountant"

G. Kavitha, 23 years, visually challenged

Garment and fashion designing training

To encourage women entrepreneurs, classes on fashion designing and embroidery and jewelry making are offered specifically for women. 382 women benefited through this course. The courses were held in Royapuram, Semmanchery and Perumbakkam.

Through this course women are taught to stitch blouses, uniform, chudidhar and skirt. Trending dress models like princess cut blouses, Palazzo pant, Angle frock and mini skirt are specially taught to the student to keep them updated.

Classes on wire bag making, needle point embroidery patch work, basic embroidery and jute bag making was taken for the children. Through these trainings they took orders for bridal blouses which gave them good income. Women earn from Rs. 5000 to Rs. 8000 per month through tailoring.

"Hello, I am Nithya, I completed Fashion designing course at Arunodhaya. I have two children who are going to school. This time I paid their fees with the money I earned from my own tailoring shop. I was so happy. Every year I used to borrow money on interest to pay their fees". T.Nithya, 29 years. She has her own shop.



Certificate distribution and women's day celebration

International women's day was celebrated with tailoring class students. Students of previous batch were also invited for celebration. Women shared their development through this programme. They were not only developed in financial aspect but they were empowered to follow their dreams. It was happy to see young entrepreneurs boldly coming out. Certificates were distributed to candidates who completed the course successfully.

Awareness on child protection

The students were given awareness on child protection to protect their children and empower them to face the problems. Awareness on safe touch and unsafe touch and identification of problems among adolescents was imparted to the students.

Through these awareness programmes two child marriages was stopped by the tailoring students. The students took steps to enroll 9 children back to school who were dismissed for using drugs. The children were referred to Arunodhaya counseling and healing unit (CHU).

As a collective effort, the students were self motivated to support the underprivileged students to pay their fees. The tailoring students sponsored for 2 children.

They also stitched uniforms free of cost for four girl children.

Stress and relationship management

Most of the women coming for tailoring class shared that they face stress due to various problems at home. They have both financial and family relationship problems. The course facilitated them to share their problems. Many women did not have freedom to come out of their house. Women come to tailoring class with great difficulty as they don't get permission to do what they like. A session on stress management and relationship management was taken. Women were identified with suicide thoughts and depression. Continuous counseling was given to them through CHU.

Spoken English and Life skill course

Spoken English and life skill classes were organized for two category of students

- Students of DCA course and Garment and fashion designing course
- New students

The new students are those who attended only Spoken English and life skill course. They are mostly candidates who approach us for job placement. The training helps them in finding better job.

533 students from other courses and 181 new students benefited.

The candidates are trained in interview skills, resume preparation, personality development and communication skills. Mock interview was conducted to improve their skills. It enabled candidates to improve their confident level to face interview.

Placement details

Contact is established with different companies and the students are placed based on their ability.



Table 13: Placement Details

Sector	Male	Female	Total	Average Salary
Hospitality	31	7	38	7000
Sales and marketing	17	12	29	8000
Retail	47	22	69	3000
Automobile	3	4	7	6000
BPO	3	5	8	8000
Garment		304	304	5000
Telesales and Telesales	6	20	26	7400
Courier	9	1	10	3000
Software	25	3	28	8000
Education	2	5	7	3000
Audit firm	5	3	8	3500
Banking		1	1	10000
Mobile	1		1	12000
Shipping	1		1	10000
Housekeeping		1	1	8000
Accounting		7	7	11500
Total	150	395	545	

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I am the boss...

Ms. Chitra (Name Changed) 30 yrs

Chitra is a resident of Royapuram. She has two school going girl children. Her husband divorced her due to family problem. She was heavily burdened to take care of her daughters. She was referred to Arunodhaya tailoring centre through field visit. She is the student of 4th batch. She got motivated and continued to complete the course. She showed good interest in stitching modern blouses.

She participated in the awareness meeting given on stress management. During the session she expressed to the facilitator that she has suicide thoughts. She was referred to CHU and counseling was given, after which her self esteem improved. She also got a power machine and started to stitch cloths in her home. She also got orders in bulk to stitch pillow covers from textile shops in MC road (Thagamalai Textiles). She has got good recognition in her area for Designer blouse stitching. Now she is able to earn Rs. 6000 to Rs. 9000 per month.

A new start....

Mr. C. John 9 (Name Changed) 27 years

C. John was referred by another candidate for job placement. He has completed 10th std and he didn't get any job. His father is a coolie worker. His mother is a cancer patient. His younger brother worked as an auto driver. Being the eldest in the family, it was stressful for him to be without a job. At SDSL training centre he was trained in spoken English and life skills. After coming to class he groomed himself in a very elegant manner. Behavioral and attitude changes were seen in him.

Now he is placed in Crazy Light Company, as Office Assistant. He is earning Rs. 8500 per month plus travel allowance. He gives 60% of his earning to his family and remaining he is saving for his marriage.

Nothing can stop...**Ms. R. Kavitha (Name Changed) 27 years**

R.Kavitha completed DCA course at SDSL. She got married in the year 2015. In 2016 her husband left her due to family problem. She is staying with her parents now. Despite the fact that the parents supported her, she felt she has a burden in her family. She wanted to make her own living. This was the time she was introduced to Arunodhaya through Arunodhaya staff.

She was very excellent and a regular student. On completion of the course, she was placed in a shipping concern – 'Prakash Shipping' as telephone operator and admin. She is earning Rs 8000 per month. Now she is very happy and able to make her own choice.

Education supported her...**R.Geetha (Name Changed) 24 years**

Geetha has completed her BCom and she was not able to get a job in her stream. After completing her UG she got married. She was blessed with a baby girl. A tragic incident happened, when her husband married another women.

She was left alone with a year old baby. She came to SDSL training centre through her friend who was a former student of SDSL. She had good interest in learning tally and quickly she was able to grasp the lessons on completed of the course she found employment with Industrial Bearing centre as Assistant Accountant with the support of Arunodhaya. She earns Rs. 9000 as fresher.

"This company gave me job because I know tally. Thanks to Arunodhaya for helping me learn tally for free. I cannot tell how much this job means to me. I want to raise my child very bold and happy" R.Kavinilavu , 24 years



4.5. CONSUMER RIGHTS AWARENESS

Arunodhaya in collaboration with Consumer and Civic Action Group created awareness on consumer rights 'Supporting community led advocacy to reduce usage of harmful/toxic products' with the support of SHG groups at Model lane. The program was implemented in 5 streets of Model lane from April 2018.

The objective of the program is to bring about behavioural change in the community and build awareness among consumers so that they will assert their rights and ensure health a homes for children.

The Self Help Group members took leadership of this program and supported in organizing many events. The program has created awareness on safe drinking water, adulteration in products, environment friendly products and importance of safety seals on the products.

Puppet shows, group meetings, quiz program, one to one interaction, water testing and air testing was done to improvise safe consumer practices among community.

The community members have started to look at expiry date, manufacture date, ISO seal, MRP, quantity, company registration number and spellings to avoid duplicate products. They are also willing to register complaints on consumer violations. They have also become responsible to protect the environment by avoiding plastics and keeping the surroundings clean.

Activities

Focus Group Discussion

Focus group discussion was conducted with men, women and children in the month of April, May and August 2017. 26 members participated in the FGD. The FGD was conducted to understand their awareness as consumers and their consumption patterns. The general observation from the discussion was many households use branded products and they do not have much awareness on consumer rights.

Indepth Interview

Four in-depth interviews were conducted with retailer, local manufacturer and family members on 14th May 2017 and 29th August 2017 on understanding the perspective of safe products, knowledge of law and protection available for the consumers.

Retailers were not aware of the consumer protection laws, safety was not their consideration but they were aware of FSSI inspection. The retailers and manufacturers were ready to change if they received proper awareness.

Community members were not aware of safe products but have the habit of checking the MRP and expiry date. They showed willingness to switch to safe products if proper information was given.

Survey

A detailed survey on indoor air, water and energy was done with 485 families in the month of November 2017. 6 volunteers from Model lane were involved in data collection. The data was collected and sent to CAG for analysis.

Some of the observations seen in the survey were insufficient ventilation, use of mosquito coils, water stagnation dumping of dirt near house, drainage leakage, usage of asbestos sheet and solar energy not being used.

"I have a two year old baby, He often used to fall sick, and he used to get diarrhea. I attended the puppet show and came to know why my child is falling sick. Now I am boiling drinking water, not burning mosquito coil and seeing expiry date for medicine and health drink purchased for my child"
J. LeemaRose, 28 years



4.6. DAAN UTSAV (JOY OF GIVING) CELEBRATION - 2017

Awareness Program

Based on the outcome of the survey awareness program were organized in the community and in the schools where the children from Model lane are studying. Four puppet shows were organized on 27th April and 2nd March 2018 in model lane (2nd and 5th street), Government high school, Manikandapuram and Dhanalakshmi high school. On 9th March 2018 a street play was presented in model lane 4th and 1st street by Arunodhaya staff cultural team.

Information on usage of plastics, star ratings available in products, false advertisements, consumer protection court, responsibilities and rights of consumer was illustrated through puppet show and street play. This created good awareness among the community and 600 people witnessed the show.

Water and Air Sample Collection

Water and air samples were collected from 40 houses in the March 2018. The samples were sent for testing

Evaluation – FGD

A focus group discussion was organized with men, women and children to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and to plan way forward. The people have received good awareness on consumer rights, MRP and ISO seal.



This year Daan Utsav celebration was very special as children, youth and women from 78 slums jointly celebrated the festival of giving and displayed to the world what is humanity, kindness, compassion and generosity. 570 children and youth and 1600 women were involved in Daan Utsav celebration. Overall 90 kg of sugar, 10 kg of fruits, 20 kg of rice, 8 kg of flour, 10 kg semiya were collected and donated to 8 children homes and 50 homeless people.

Daan Utsav also provided an opportunity for the women to have a day of enjoyment by watching a movie at Satyam cinema. Arunodhaya could raise funds for its activities through Battle of buffet, Seva Mela, Parai performance at PayPal and Stall at Wabag.

Planning Process

The planning for Daan Utsav started in the month of May'17. Ms. Aarti met women leaders, members of children sangam and youth leaders separately and motivated to plan effectively for Daan Utsav. 37 new ideas evolved and they went to their community and discussed about the ideas. These ideas were shared in social media and with other NGO partners. We heard that many others were motivated to give after seeing the poorest of poor coming forward to support others.

Second level planning meeting was organized in August and September 2017 in which the leaders came out with concrete plans. Meeting with women were conducted in two places, Korukupet and Arunodhaya Head office. Each slum planned different activity and the beneficiaries were selected by the members of the community.

On 2nd September 2017 a planning meeting was organized for children where 68 network leaders from Arunodhaya Children sangam participated. Children decided to collect sugar and fruits from their community and give it to children home and hospitals. Ms. Aarti interacted with the children and told that many were encouraged through their ideas and replicating the same in various places.



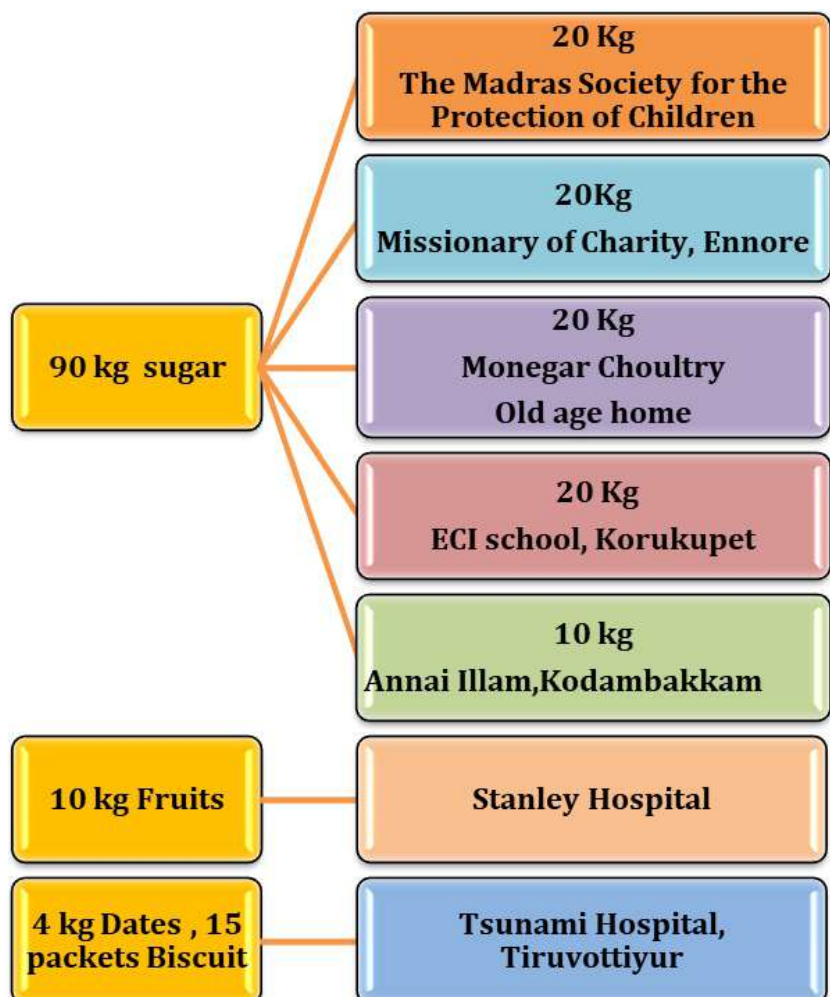
Sugar Drive

A week before Daan utsav, children did door to door sugar drive. 570 children were involved in the collection. Children soon after their return from school got ready for sugar collection. They went around their community explaining about Daan Utsav, why they are collecting and what will be done with it. This process of Sugar drive spread the message of Daan Utsav across the community. The people appreciated the effort of children and though they themselves were underprivileged they came forward to donate. Children were able to collect 90 Kg of sugar, 5 kg of Rava, 10 kg of wheat flour, 10 kg semiya and 2 kg of dhal. 14 kg of fruits was purchased with Rs. 950 collected during door to door drive.

Experiencing the joy of sharing

Children distributed the materials in 2 children homes, 3 old age home and 2 hospitals. During the process of distribution the children interacted with the inmates and shared the joy with each other.

Figure 21 : Experiencing the joy of sharing



I am surprise to hear that children have collected sugar and sponsored to us. I will keep the children in my prayers and also pray for Arunodhaya. We will make sweet for the residents. I am happy that you are insulating the habit of giving into the children in this age, When they grow up, they will be good citizens. Thank You". Sr.. Viyakulam, Superior, Missionary of Charity (Annai Illam), Ennore.

"I waited the whole day to collect sugar in the evening. I came home and forgot to change my uniform but went with my friends to collect sugar. My uncle who is a painter gave me a plastic box painted "Karunai" (Kindness). We went as a team and collected nearly 5 kg of sugar. Many blessed me and I was so happy". S.Monisha, Ennore, Children Sangam member

"Hi, I am Ramya from Thiruvotriyur. It was an emotional experience for me when I visited Monegar Choultry Old age home in Royapuram. I spoke with a grandmother and she said that I have to study well and be good to my grandparents. When I grow up I will take care of my grandparents properly." S. Ramya, Thiruvotriyur, Children sangam member

It was a very different experience for the children when they visited different homes and interacted with the residents. They spent time with the inmates, played with them. Some of the residents shared their experience with the children and blessed them wholeheartedly

Children have promised to visit the home regularly and spend time with them. The residents of Monegar Choultry old age home requested to take them for a day out with the children.

Children also visited Stanley hospital children ward and gave fruits to the children admitted in the wards. They spoke with each child and encouraged them. Children from Ennore collected money, brought 4 kg of dates and biscuits and distributed to 15 patients in Tsunami hospital in Ennore.





Women Group Celebrate Daan Utsav

1600 women were involved in Daan Utsav celebration with Arunodhaya. They celebrated and experienced the joy of giving in various ways.

New dresses and shopping experience for orphan children

Women from JJ nagar and Annanagar identified 7 orphan children and took them for shopping to Washermenpet. It was their first experience of shopping. There was lot of hesitation to choose their favorite dress in the beginning. This time the children got the dress of their size, their choice and their favorite ones. Thanks to Daan Utsav for making this diwali a memorable one for these children.

New Sarees for grandmothers

SHG women from Chemmencherry relocation site collected money and bought new sarees for 5 old aged women who didn't have any other support from their families.

Visiting shelter home, providing food and spending time with the residents

Women from various self help group visited 4 homes. Karunai illam, Saidapet, Arunodhaya Shelter home, Tamilnadu Association for blind Thiruvotriyur and Annai Illam, Kodambakkam and provided food, provisions and basic amenities for the residents. They went to each home before the celebration, enquired about the residents their likes and dislikes and planned accordingly.

Figure 22 : Visiting shelter home



Women from Kodambakkam visited Annai illam and spent time with the inmates. Each inmate was given a kit which had a shopping bag, cotton saree or dhoti, washing soap, bathing soap, towel, paste and brush. Everyone was so happy. The women group members sang songs and spent that evening with them.

Community Child Rights Monitoring Committee and Korukupet women group members visited Arunodhaya shelter home and provided biriyani, muruku, sweets and a set of dress to Dhanush who is the youngest boy in our shelter home. The members sat with the inmates and ate along with them.

Korukkupet SHG members (Kodungaiyur) visited Karunai illam in Saidapet and interacted with the residents. The members gifted snacks and a meal for 70 members. The food was carefully prepared by the women themselves. Many residents shared their life experience with the women. They spent time with the residents, took pictures and played games.

"I met a resident in Karunai Illam, Saidapet. He was an Auditor and holds 3 degrees. He has come to this home, as there was no one to take care of him. He said that he felt very happy sharing about his life experience to me. I felt overwhelmed at that moment. I understood it's not materials that gives joy but humanity". R.Latha, Kodugaiyur, SHG.

"I was very delighted to see our sponsor eating with us as one among us", Suresh, shelter home Arunodhaya. Yes sometimes small gestures make big difference.



Women from Royapuram and Korukupet visited Tamil Nadu Association for Blind home and gave two months provision materials to the home. All the residents came out to greet the women and they were very happy to meet them. The women were able to see a lot of smile in their faces which was a fulfilling experience for the members of women groups. The caretaker thanked the team for their gifts.



Sharing with Dignity... Annadhanam

Thiruvotriyur federation women discussed with their 290 members and decided to give an anadhanam for most deserving members. Money was collected from all the groups. They identified homeless people, single women and elders who were not cared for. On 8th October 2017 40 people were invited for a lunch and they had lot of surprises. They were served hot well cooked rice (for elders to eat with comfort), poriyal, kootu, sambar, rasam, butter milk and payasam. The food was prepared by the women members to bring the home touch into the food and it was served with lots of love. After the hot tasty meal, each one was given a surprise gift which had Saree and blouse for women, Veshti and shirt for men. Ms. Virgil D' Sami, Executive Director, Arunodhaya and Ms. Aarthi joined the program.



During this program we witnessed that many good hearted people came forward to support. The school premise (Varadharaja Primary school) was given for free. The Auto driver who transported the food did it for free.

"Today a group of women from a slum community in Thiruvottiyur in North Chennai hosted a meal for the destitute elderly in the community. The meal was prepared at home. The women had woken up at 3.30 AM and cooked a lovely lunch. The spices were mild, the food slightly overcooked so as to make it mushy and easily chewable and the water was canned so that there would be no risk of any contamination. The gifts included new sarees and dhotis. Every saree had a separate blouse bit bought despite the fact that these come with an attached blouse. I asked them why and they said that the blouse in the saree was not cotton and the women will be more comfortable with cotton blouses. Also, traditionally you must not give just a saree. The women before gifting their guests sought their blessings and shared that they were honoured that they could do this. The space was given free by the local nursery school, the auto that brought some of the women did not charge anything and the community members had all contributed towards the clothes. As I expressed my admiration for the beautifully executed event one of them said to me, "madam this is nothing. It's the joy we are getting from giving and we had so much fun putting this together". All of these women are part of Arunodhaya an NGO that works quietly in North Chennai. Lots to learn yet from Virgil Duraisami. We ended the day with Virgil saying, "I have done nothing - feel blessed that I am an instrument through which some change has been possible and the community has taken ownership for all the work" Aarti Madhusudan, White Board.

Month provision for two families

Two self help group identified two most deserving families and provided a month ration materials. Each family was gifted with materials worth for Rs 3000.

"I am a coolie worker and single woman. I and my daughter live in a small hut in Korukupet near dumping yard. I am so happy to get these products. I have never got a month's provision in my life time. Thank for remembering me!" S. Meera, Korukupet

Bed sheets for homeless

Women from Sivaji nagar Korukupet gave 14 bed sheets for homeless people sleeping on the road near Stanley hospital. They went in the night, met the people, enquired about them and gave bed sheets. They took it with joy. As follow up we are doing intervention to rehabilitate them in night shelters.

"No one cared about me or even noticed me sleeping here. I am happy and surprised to see you" Srinivasan

A Shade after 10 years

Women from Royapuram gifted an umbrella to two women street vendors. They are single women who have been selling hot idly in hot sun for more than 10 years. Today they have a shade and a colorful identity for their shop.



Cleaning drive at AIR site

Women, children and youth joined together in Air site (relocation site) on 2nd October 2017 and did a clean drive in block 81. The garbage was removed and door to door campaign was done to keep their block clean.

It was a great and memorable experience for our women group to participate in Happy Flick. Sathiyam cinemas came forward to celebrate Daan Utsav with our women group. They invited women group for a free show at Sathiyam cinemas. They screened the movie of women's choice "Magalir Mattum" on 3rd October 2017, 8.00 am to 11.00 am show. 95 women from Arunodhaya watched the show. For many it was the first experience coming out of their house and going for a movie. And to see a movie at Sathiyam cinemas is something which they have not even dreamt off. 10 Tribal women from Sadayankuppam watched the show and for them it was their first experience to visit a theatre and see the big screen.

Many women shared that they forgot about their family problems and routine life for those 4 hours spent happily at Sathiyam cinemas. It was like a stress buster for them. They were overwhelmed to see the movie 'Magalir Matum' and the Director Bamma. The movie itself was a life changing experience for them. Yes, it's time that we spend some time for our self. Out of joy, the women prepared a beautiful thanks card for Sathiyam cinemas.

"Watching a movie in theatre is a big thing for us. I have never dreamt of seeing a movie in AC Theater. Thanks for taking people like us to a very big theatre. I will not forget this experience for life time". S. Valli, Sadayankuppam (tribal village) A day out for women - HAPPY FLICK



FUND RAISING EVENTS

Seva Mela

On 1st and 2nd October 2017 Arunodhaya had an opportunity to put a stall at Seva Mela. We were able to raise Rs. Rs.7000 by selling SHG products and coupons. We also obtained contacts of donors and other like minded NGOs. Arunodhaya cultural team had an opportunity to perform Parai during Seva Mela. Hon. Minister K. Panidiyarajan, Ms. Kanimozhi, MP and Actor Suriya visited our stall and we had a great opportunity to share about our work with them.



Stall at Wabag

A stall was put up in Wabag office cafeteria as part of Daan Utsav celebration on 3rd and 4th October 2017. We were able to raise Rs. 9600 through the stall. We had sales of SHG products, candles made by our shelter home children, a dart game and a wish tree. 230 visited our stall and supported education of the children.



Step up for a cause – Parai beat

Arunodhaya youth parai team members trained 120 employees of Paypal in parai. We were able to raise INR 39,750 through this program. In a batch, we trained 20 to 25 members and 5 sessions were conducted on 5th October 2017 at PayPal. A separate sessions for managers and team leaders was conducted. They learnt 3 steps and 3 beats. We not only promoted traditional cultural dance but also crushed the stigma behind it.



Arunodhaya parai team also got an opportunity to perform parai dance in their cafeteria during lunch time.

“It was a pleasure to partner with Arunodhaya on “Daan Utsav - Parai Attam” event. We truly enjoyed the experience and I have heard great stories on how this helped teams bond”. Ms.Seema, PayPal



5. STAFF TRAINING

Training for Book Fairies

The orientation training for new book fairies enabled an understanding on the concept of RSEP and methods of conducting it. The members were refreshed on the role and responsibilities of book fairies and the functioning of RSEP sessions.

During the refresher course, the book fairies were trained in enhancing their skills in story telling and reading. They also prepared new teaching materials, stories and songs.

Training on School Children Council enabled the book fairies to assist in the formation and action of School Children Council. This has played a key role in gaining the cooperation of teachers to RSEP sessions.

The training on child participation enabled the book fairies to ensure participation of children in RSEP sessions more effectively.

10 book fairies participated in the training organised by RSEN on techniques on community engagement. The members learnt simple magic to get the attention of children and community and methods of enabling children to exhibit their skill in reading. Through this training the book fairies were able to conduct fun of reading programme in communities and schools

The literacy circle enabled the Book fairies to read book and enhance their skill in reading and comprehension. 700 books have been read by the Book fairies.

The book fairies were sensitized on gender and sex and stereotyping



Computer training for Arunodhaya Staff members

On 11th December 2017, 9 staff members were trained on Google online tools. Mr. Donbosco and Ms. Suganthi facilitated the training. They were trained on Gmail, google calendar, google doc, google sheets, google drive and google survey forms. They learnt about typing in tamil in gmail, filling and preparing survey forms and sharing option in doc and sheets. They practiced all the tools individually as they had access to computers and internet during the training. Many found the tools easy and user friendly.

Art Therapy training

Art therapy training was held on 12th December 2017. 25 staff members participated in the training. The training enabled them to learn techniques in using Art as a means of communication and understanding others.

Training on mental health

Two Counselors and two community counselors were deputed to attend 6 month diploma course on 'Community mental health'. This course is organised by Banyan (an organisation working on mental health) at Stella Maris College. The course is affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development. Classes are held on Saturdays and it required field level activities and a research project. The course was completed in March 2018.

The following research project was done as part of the diploma course

- Youth and media
- Infatuation
- Relationship between parents and adolescents
- Harmful effect of drugs on adolescents.

It was an enriching experience for the Counselors to do the research. All the topics are very much related to the work being done at CHU and the findings have given new ideas and new areas to be addressed.

The Counselors gained new information, knowledge and developed new skills to enhance their functioning. Participation of members from Arunodhaya was appreciated by the course organisers.

The counselors who are attended the Diploma course on mental health conducted a training for the staff on mental health. They shared on how to identify mentally ill persons, what is the action to be taken and also gave information on services available and where they can be referred.

Training on gender equality

The training on gender equality made the staff aware of the difference between sex and gender, gender stereotyping, the need to demystify the myths surrounding women's reproductive cycle. The training has brought about a change in the perspective of staff on gender.

Training on child budgeting

Human Rights Foundation organised a two days training on child budgeting. Vedha was deputed to participate in the training.

Training on SRH

Two staff members participated in the SRH training organised by CWDR. It enriched their learning on body mapping and women and sexual rights.

First Aid training

Counselors and community counselors were trained in First Aid.



Exposure programmes

Counselors and two community (barefoot) counselors visited NIEPMD hospital in the month of August 2017. This is a central government institute for training of physically and mentally disabled. Participants gained information on the services provided in the Institute. This information was shared with other staff and community members so that they can benefit from it.

The team visited BALM. This is an academy that provides courses on mental health and treatment and rehabilitation centre for mentally ill. The members got information on how mentally ill could be rehabilitated, the type of counseling provided, follow up done and records maintained.

An exposure visit to Sellamuthu trust, Madurai was planned on 1st February 2017. But unfortunately the 10 members on reaching Madurai met with an accident and had to return to Chennai without visiting the organisation.

Project related orientation and refresher courses were organised to develop an understanding on project functioning, roles and responsibilities and report preparation.

Arunodhaya Resource Team

Arunodhaya was invited by St. Thomas Baby's home, St. Thomas Mount to conduct training on adolescent issues for the children in their sponsorship programme. Thematic facilitator and the two Counselors conducted the training on 2nd and 3rd May 2017. 35 adolescents participated in the training. The following topics were covered

- Adolescent stages
- Sexual education
- Reproductive health
- Problem solving
- Emotional management
- Games & evaluation

Conducting the training sharpened the skills of the staff members in developing training module and conducting the training.

Ms. Adhilakshmi, Counselor participated in the Round table conference on Areas and concerns Adolescent Development A policy perspective' organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) in December 2017.

6. ARUNODHAYA CULTURAL TEAM (ACT)

Children, youth and staff members of Arunodhaya were trained in traditional folklore such as Parai, Oyilattam, Kazhial, puppet show and street play.

ACT performed in awareness programmes related to Anti child labour day, enrolment drive and child protection.

ACT was invited by other organisations and groups to perform. The following programmes were conducted

- 20th May' 2017 Parai dance performance at Praise foundation anniversary function
- 5th June' 2017 Parai dance and street play on environment to commemorate World environment day at Madhavaram Truck Terminal. The programme was organised by CAG
- 29th June' 2017 Awareness programme on child protection at Egmore Railway station organised by Childline
- 13th Sep.'2017 Parai dance performed at the launch of sub yatra of Bharat Yatra against child abuse in Chennai
- 25th Sep.' 2017 Parai dance and street play on child protection at Tiruvallur organised by District Child Protection Unit, Tiruvallur.
- 5th Oct.'2017 Conducted Parai dance training for PayPal employees. 120 employees participated.
- Feb 2018 Parai, Oyilattam, Kazhialattam and street play at the Adolescent community event on gender equality
- March 2018 welcomed the First Lady of Germany with traditional dance during her visit to meet with CACS representatives.
- ACT was invited by Chennai schools to perform Parai dance during their school annual day programme



7. NETWORKING AND ADVOCACY

Arunodhaya networked with other organisations for sharing of experience, capacity building and particularly for advocacy on child protection. The major organisations and networks are

- TamilNadu Child Rights Protection Network
- TamilNadu Child Rights Observatory
- Campaign Against Child Labour
- Right to Education Forum
- Forum for Promotion of Child Participation
- SDG watch- TamilNadu
- White board
- Katradi
- CAG
- TARANG Foundation – First aid training
- World Vision

Developing the model Child protection policy in schools

Tamil Nadu Child Protection Network (Arunodhaya is on the core committee) framed the model child protection policy in schools. A consultation was organised to present it to representatives from education department and other civil society organisation.

Dr. Virgil D' Sami made a presentation on the methodology of case interventions. Following this the core committee met to finalise the Policy.

SDG Watch – Tamil Nadu

A network has been formed to monitor the progress of SDG in TamilNadu (TN SDG WATCH) This network is initiated by HRF and Arunodhaya is a core member of the network. A consultation was organised from 25th to 27th September 2017 to develop indicators for monitoring SDG goals. Arunodhaya has taken the responsibility for monitoring children related goals. A sub group comprising of nearly 15 NGOs was formed. The indicators for monitoring SDG targets related to children was developed.

Federation of Children movement for Right to participation is a network of children movements. Arunodhaya is the State convenor for the network. District meetings were held in 7 districts. Arunodhaya was directly involved in organising the meetings at Chennai, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur and Krishnagiri.



8. VOLUNTEERS

Students, researchers and self motivated volunteers from India and outside India spent time at Arunodhaya in different programmes and activities. Their presence brought in new ideas and technique of working, strengthening the interventions of Arunodhaya. The volunteers also enriched their learnings and moulded their attitude

Asmae work camp

Every year Asmae organizes three weeks of French Volunteers work camp. This year Arunodhya was happy to have Legrand Nicolas, Geoffroy Emilie and Ferey Cécile on the work camp from 7th August 2017 to 26th August 2017. The main theme of the work camp is 'Protecting our environment'. The team worked with school children in CPS R.R.nagar, Kodungaiyur and with CACS children in Korukkupet.

Creating a learning environment

A classroom in the school was painted on the theme environment which has created a good and bright learning environment for the children. The room has picture on aquatics animals and birds. The responsibility of maintaining the room was taken up by the children.

The volunteers participated in the Independence day celebration at school. The presence of the French volunteers in Indian dress was an added attraction for the parents and there were many participants.

"In the History of RR Nagar School, this year we have seen many parents participating in Independence Day celebration and the credit goes to the volunteers. We wish the volunteers come every year. They are very dedicated and very friendly with the children. Thanks to Arunodhaya for selecting our school"

Ms. N. Geetha, HM, RR nagar School



Independence Day celebration



Animation classes for Children sangam members

In the evenings, the volunteers worked with the CACS children conducting awareness sessions on ill effects of plastic, hygiene practices and education motivation. 25 children participated in the programme regularly. Children presented their learning and organized an awareness programme against use of plastic and environmental hygiene on 24th August 2017. Children, youth, women and men in the community witnessed the programme which was held in the public park.

Picnic

Children were taken to Planetarium on 22nd August 2017. Children enjoyed 3D magic show and solar system visualization. They also learnt about Indian scientists, water bodies and nature. Children played in the park inside the planetarium.

The volunteers organized an awareness programme on environmental hygiene at the Shelter home on 14th August 2017.

LICET volunteers

Two volunteers, Charles and Clement, from France studying in LICET, Loyola College volunteered at Arunodhaya training centre from 10th July 2017 to 6th November 2017. On every Monday they conducted English and French classes for the DCA students. The students were happy to learn a new language. The volunteers also took French classes for the staff members.

Chennai Volunteers

Chennai Volunteers supported in renovating the Child Help Desk at Egmore railway station. They made the place child friendly by providing toys, picture charts, play materials. It was inaugurated on 14th November. 2017.



White Board

Arunodhaya collaborated with White board in the process of strategic planning exercise of Arunodhaya. Whiteboard introduced Mr. Vinod P. Menon, marketing executive to facilitate the process and he volunteered to support Arunodhaya. In the three months process, he facilitated team to frame core values, strategic goals, objectives and activities for five years (2017–2022).

Research scholars

Research scholars were supported in data collection for their study. As part of the research practicum they organized training for staff and children. Ms. Revathi N. Krishna. PhD candidate from Monash Univeristy, Melbourne, Australia trained CACS children in Korukkupet on Disaster preparedness.

Social Work Trainees

23 Students from the following Colleges came for field work and block placement as intern. The students were placed in the organization as part of the course in Social Work. They were involved in handling case work, group work, mini research and community organization.

1. Arutkadal
2. Dr. Ambedkar college
3. Hindustan College
4. Loyola College
5. Madras Christian College
6. Madras School of Social Work
7. Madurai Institute of Social Science
8. Nazareth College of Arts and Science
9. Patrician College
10. Presidency college
11. Ramakrishna Mission Vivekanandha college
12. Stella Maris College
13. Sacred heart College, Tirupathur
14. Sri Kanyaka Paramwshwari Arts and Science College for Women
15. Asian College of Journalism

Japanese volunteer

Two volunteers from Japan volunteered with Arunodhaya from 20th November 2017 to 3rd December 2017. They conducted craft work, spoken english and games with the children.

Praise foundation

A Volunteer from Praise foundation Ms. Ameera D'costa interacted with the shelter home children on 4th February 2018. The session helped children to analyze their goal in life and their responsibility.

Football trainer Mr. Dinesh from Praise foundation volunteered to teach foot ball to shelter home children every Saturday.

Nigerian Volunteers

Nigerian students (6 members) studying in Chennai volunteered at Arunodhaya shelter home for a day on 15th October 2017. They taught African songs and interacted with the children.

Volunteers from Taj Hotel

Volunteers from TAJ visited shelter home on 29th March 2018 and trained the children in paper craft work. Children prepared beautiful greeting cards and had yummy snacks. The staff members also conducted an awareness session on health and hygiene activities in August 2017.

Volunteers from Hotel Park Hyatt Chennai

On 28th April 2017 staff from Hotel Park Hyatt Chennai visited the shelter home to interact with children. They distributed note books and a bookshelf for the children.



9. VISITS

Members from Rainbow foundation visited Arunodhaya in the month of May to get an understanding on the functioning of Children Sangams. They interacted with staff and participated in the Children Sangam meeting at Annamalai nagar, Tiruvottiyur.

Bhumi trust evinced interest in learning about Children Sangam and AACEP activities. Representatives from Bhumi trust visited Arunodhaya and had a discussion with the staff on the activities of Children sangam and AACEP. Following this, 2 representatives from Bhumi came to observe the CACS meeting held on 2nd September 2017. They have requested Arunodhaya to conduct a training for their staff on child participation.

Ms. Perrine Bacchetta Savoie, Asia Area Manager, Asmae visited Arunodhaya on 24th August 2017 and interacted with the staff. In the evening, she visited Tiruvottiyur and participated in an Ilanthalir session and interacted with Children Sangam members.

Ms. Kathryn Wightman-Beaven, Global Sustainability Director, DP Word visited Arunodhaya on 20th September 2017. She was given a warm traditional welcome by the staff and trainees with Arati and garlanding.

A brief presentation was made on the activities of Arunodhaya and details on activities carried out under the 'Skill development for Sustainable Livelihood' project implemented with the support of DP world. Three beneficiaries shared their experience of how the training helped them in making their life sustainable. After this, the guest interacted with students of Computer course for visually challenged, DCA students and Spoken English class students. She enquired about the trainings conducted and how they benefit from it.

Since there was no time to visit the Garment and fashion designing unit, the guest had a look at the album and the garments made by the students.

Ms. Sarika Metha, Sustainability Advisor, DP world visited Arunodhaya training centre on 28th February 2018. She interacted with tailoring staffs and encouraged them.



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- Childline India Foundation
- Citizen Consumer Civic Action Group
- Greater Chennai Corporation
- Indian Council for Child Welfare
- i volunteers
- Ministry of Railways
- Ministry of women and child development
- Mr. Duraivelan, U.S.A
- Nehru Yuva Kendra
- Praise foundation
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women
- Tamil Nadu slum Clearance Board
- Tata Community Initiative Trust
- UNICEF
- White board



LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AACEP	Adolescent Awareness, Counseling and Empowerment Project
ACS	Arunodhaya Children Sangam
CACS	Confederation of Arunodhaya Children Sangam
CAG	Citizen Consumer Civic Action Group
CCRMC	Community and Child Rights Monitoring Committee
CHU	Counseling and Healing Unit
CRPC	Child Rights Protection Committee
CWO	Child Welfare Officer
ECC	Early Childhood Care Centre
FCMRP	Federation of children movement for Right to participation
FPCP	Forum for Promotion of Child Participation
IGP	Income Generation Programme
RSEN	Reading Skill Enhancement Network
RSEP	Reading Skill Enhancement Programme
SHG	Self Help Group
UNCRC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of Child
VTP	Vocational Training Programme

TARGET AREAS

CHENNAI DISTRICT

Kodungaiyur

1. MGR Nagar
2. Ezhil Nagar
3. Kannagi Nagar
4. Annai Sathya Nagar
5. R.R. Nagar

Korukkupet

6. Dr. Ambedkar Nagar
7. Anandhanayagi Nagar
8. Bharathi Nagar
9. Jeeva Nagar
10. Kamaraj nagar
11. Minambal Nagar
12. Sikkirindapalayam
13. Moopanan Nagar
14. Karumariamman Nagar
15. Rajiv Gandhi Nagar
16. J.J. Nagarj
17. Anna Nagar
18. Driver Colony
19. Govindasami nagar
20. Thiruvalluvar Nagar

Tondiarpet

21. Tilagar Nagar
22. Seniamman Nagar
23. Nethaji nagar
24. Vinoba Nagar
25. Nehru nagar

Washermenpet

26. East cemetery road
27. BishopLine
28. Model Line

Royapuram

29. Chetty thottam
30. P.V. Koil Street66.Mannar Sami koil Street
31. Panaimarathotti

T. Nagar

32. Rajapillai Thottam
33. Dhanakottiammal Thottam
34. Muthureddy thottam

Kodambakkam

35. Vathiar Thottam
36. Valliammal Thottam

Anna Nagar

37. Annai Sathya Nagar
38. Dr. Ambedkar Nagar
39. Gandhi Nagar
40. Kakknanji Nagar

T.P. Chatram

41. Jothiammal nagar
42. V.S. Puram
43. Indirani Nagar
44. Kamaraj Nagar

Aminjikarai

45. Water Tank
46. P.P. Garden

TIRUVALLUR DISTRICT

Tiruvotiyur

47. Rajaji Nagar
48. Kargil Nagar
49. Annamalaipuram
50. Natarajan thottam
51. Pattinathar Koil
52. Vettri Vinayager Nagar
53. Kamaraj Nagar
54. Balakrishna Nagar

Ennore

55. Mugathivarakuppam
56. Thazhankuppam
57. Nettukuppam
58. Ennore Kuppam
59. Sadayankuppam
60. Girija Nagar
61. Sivanpadaiveedhi
62. Kattukuppam
63. AIR site

Athipet

64. Arunodhaya nagar



For child-friendly railway stations



Fun times: A revamped kiosk was opened at Egmore station as part of 'Childline se dosti week'. ■ B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

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In a move to raise awareness about children in need of care and protection amongst all stakeholders and help make railway stations child-friendly, Arunodhaya Centre for Street and Working Children kickstarted its 'Childline se dosti week' at the Egmore railway station on Tuesday. The centre also inaugurated its revamped Childline kiosk at the station.

Georgy George, Superintendent, Government Railway Police (GRP), presided over the event and released bookmarks and boards containing the helpline number 1098 and points about identifying and reporting children in need of protection. The inauguration was followed by a dance performance and a play. "We hope more children are helped through this" said Virgil D'Sami, executive director of Arunodhaya.



School children's council helps to reduce dropouts rate

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On the eve of World Children's day, School Children Council (SCC) an initiative of child rights organization, Arunodhaya, in collaboration with the education department of Chennai corporation, was formally inaugurated at Chennai Middle School in Korukkupet on Monday.

The objective of SCC is to enable children participate effectively in school activities and take steps to make their schools child friendly. The initiative was started in 14 other corporation schools on a trial basis in

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCC ACTIVITIES FROM JUNE 2017

- Worked on traffic regulation in Coronation Nagar junction in Korukkupet which led to a traffic cop being posted in the school hours at the junction
- Worked towards building separate toilets for boys and girls at a corporation school in KK Nagar
- Cleared stagnant water and sprayed mosquito repellent in RR Nagar corporation school. It is to be noted that the issue of water stagnation in the school was persistent for years

June 2017.

All SCCs would be formally inaugurated this week. Talking about the way SCC works, Virgil D. Sami, director, Arunodhaya, said, "Six to 10 representatives

from each section are selected to form the SCC. All the kids then form four committees including hygiene committee, noon meal committee, education committee and child protection



Students of Corporation school at Korukkupet participate in a drawing competition, themed 'My dream school', conducted on World Children's Day.

—DC committee. She further added that cleanliness and hygiene in toilets and classrooms, the committees discuss noon meal, identify school

dropouts and safety issues inside the campus.

They will prepare an action plan and create awareness in the school through competitions, street play, exhibition, cultural programme and speeches in common assembly.

Each committee elects its leader and the committee leaders form the core committee. Two members of the core committee will be part of school management committee meetings.

The students in the council had drafted plans in the last five months and worked towards resolving them.

Explaining one such achievement, R. Satya, a student said, "Initially, it was impossible to cross the Coronation Nagar junction in Korukkupet to reach the school due to lack of traffic regulation. We gave a petition requesting for traffic police to aid students cross the busy road in school hours and now a cop is posted in the area."

The teachers claim that due to this programme taken up in government schools, the number of dropouts has decreased by a great margin and children have started voicing out issues of abuse and other problems.



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