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ORIGIN

Tiruchirapalli Multipurpose Social Service Society (TMSSS) was established during the year 1975 for the promotion of justice, peace and development through integrated and integral human development initiatives and for establishing a just society. TMSSS has been registered as a Society under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 on 10.01.1975 under No.2/1975. Registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) 1976 on 21.08.1985 under No.076040030. Registered also under section 12A of the Income Tax Act 1961.

VISION

Creation and establishment of a just society based on the Gospel values of love, peace, justice, equality, fraternity, transparency and credibility.

MISSION

Empowerment of all the target people through awareness, motivation, education, participation etc. in every field to emancipate and enable them to live with self and human dignity by the process of action-reflection and follow-up action.

OBJECTIVES

- To organize the people through education and motivation and bring out their hidden talents and potentialities for their holistic development using the local resources efficiently and judiciously.
- To generate awareness on different vital issues of the people through meetings, workshops and leadership trainings and bring about visible and attitudinal changes among the people to plan and achieve their own development in a participatory manner.
- To take up Integrated Rural Development Programme with special emphasis on sustainable farming practices.
- To rehabilitate the physically and socially handicapped people based on their real socio-economic conditions, aptitudes and skills.
- To take up women and children welfare and development programme.

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The Director Speaks

Economy is a matter of common concern. It affects everyone, though in different ways : for some it is a matter of livelihood, and for others a matter of profit and accumulation. There are two economies in India - Economy of survival and Economy of profit. Both these economies are bound to be in conflict, and indeed they are. Today in India, the economy of survival seem to be loosing out to the economy of profit.

If we take the over all situation in our country, little more than three fourth (3/4) of the people were poor and vulnerable in 2004 to 2005 but now it would have doubled the official poverty line. The agricultural labourers, fishermen, tribals, dalits, women and children are the most affected and worst of the lot.

It is in this context the Catholic Church in India has been contributing to building up of a new society marked by justice and equality, fraternity and brotherhood by undertaking various activities focusing on socio and economic development. In *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, Pople John Paul II, emphasized that the church, being at God's service, is at the service of the world in terms of love and truth. Authentic human development concerns the whole of the person in every single dimension.

Therefore, having drawn the inspiration from the liberative message of Jesus of Nazareth, who dedicated His entire life for the empowerment and emancipation of the poor and downtrodden and also from the social teachings of the Catholic Church, Tiruchirapalli Multipurpose Social Service Society is being involved since 1975 in varied development programmes in view of uplifting the marginalized and the dehumanized sections of the population living in the target areas. Some of the notable programmes of TMSSS are : Community Based Health Care, Women Empowerment, Livelihood programs, Dalit Empowerment, Organic Farming, Vocational cum Employment Training, Rehabilitation of the Mentally and Physically Challenged, Rehabilitation and Prevention of Street Children, Rehabilitation of Stranded Women and Girls and many other co-related programmes.

The Annual Report for the year 2011-12 testifies the untiring efforts taken by TMSSS in making the vision and mission put in practical terms. TMSSS wouldn't have reached to this height without the contribution of many. Therefore we recognize and regard very gratefully at this juncture, the contributions whatever they are, from the Central Social Welfare Board,

Tamilnadu Social Welfare Board, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of women and Child Development, Commissionerate for the Rehabilitation of the Differently Aabled etc. ploughed in towards the realization of the targets set during the year. We remember with gratitude, also the overseas funding agencies, who have partnered and shouldered in our efforts with their generous and unfailing financial contributions, guidance and word of appreciations. The local NGOs Educational Institutions and other Resource Agencies are also profoundly thanked for their collaboration and timely support extended during the year.

We would be failing in our duty if we are not grateful to our beloved Bishop, Most Rev.Dr Antony Devotta, also the President of TMSSS, who have served as an inspiring and motivating factor in making us committed to the cause. We therefore thank him from the depth of our hearts. The guidance, contributions and encouragement of the members of the General and Governing Bodies of TMSSS are also great and they owe our thanks in every respect. We are pleased to place on record our sincere thanks to all our staff both in the office and at fields and other supportive service providers because but for their untiring, selfless, dedicated and concerned efforts we couldn't have achieved all what have been targeted. We end aspiring this Annual Report to enthuse and motivate everybody concerned to become more active and involved in the future in reaching the target of providing the self and human dignity to all without any restrictions or reservations.

THANK YOU

Fr.S.Devaraj
Secretary cum Director
TMSSS.

1. HUMANITARIAN SUPPORTS

1.1 Educational Assistance to Poor Students

Despite the provision of free and compulsory education for children between 6 and 14 in India under Article 21 A of the Indian constitution, the percentage of drop outs of children from schools are still on the increasing trend. The children dropped are being engaged both in hazardous and non-hazardous activities and even in antisocial activities, since their contribution to the family income has become a necessity to make a subsistence living. These children are, thereby, being deprived of their basic rights to education, primary health care, entertainment etc., Migration, inadequate employment and income, high cost of living etc, resulting in utter poverty are attributed to be some of the reasons.

The TMSSS to contribute its share, however small it may be towards minimizing the problem situation, extends supports every year to the most deserving children identified and selected by the Educational committee of the Diocese. During the year 2011-12 Rs.2,75,000/- has been distributed to 546 children hailing from 67 parishes of the Diocese by the Bishop on 18.09.2011 in a function organized at TMSSS premises.

The Bishop, Most Rev.Dr. Antony Devotta suggested in the Extraordinary General Body Meeting of TMSSS held on 30.03.2011 that the money received for the purpose from the donors could be spent for conducting summer camps for those children as camps would be more helpful to orient the children towards more appropriate and right direction.

1.2 Medical and Welfare assistance for the needy :

Though health is something that is desired by all, irrespective of their educational, social, economical, cultural and political statuses, only the affordable are being able to get the required services and enjoy, as the services have become very costly. The worst affected are the poor, less privileged, disabled and the marginalized. Many a time the above categorized sections of the human population become entrapped, especially during emergencies, to the clutches and exploitations of landlords, money lenders and vested interests as they become necessitated to borrow from them.

Since TMSSS is concerned towards the well-being and welfare of those needy continues to come to their rescue by extending appropriate support. During the year 2011-12

TMSSS had extended Rs.1,32,000/- to 95 deserving members identified and recommended by the Parish Priests and the Diocese.

1.3 Housing for the Dalit Christian families :

Inheriting the possession of a home has become the dream of all families in life. Do all the families inherit such possession in their life time? No. The majority become devoid of that aspiration given to their poor and crisis socio-economic and cultural conditions of living. The Dalit Christian families are the most affected as they could not tap the required resources from the Government since they are categorized under Backward Class communities. Their lives under unhealthy and vulnerable environment become more deplorable, stagnant and sub-human.

The TMSSS, therefore, had planned to provide constructed houses with the active involvement and participation of those specified target constituencies in steps. As a first step 13 families were provided the houses at a cost of Rs.11.05,000/- in Killukottai during the year 2010-11. 13 more dalit Christian families of Pathalapettai village have been provided the houses built at a total cost Rs.17,55,000/- during the year 2011-12. The houses built were blessed and the keys handed over by the Bishop to the respective families on 21st May 2011.

The Bishop, expressing his desire for continuation of the construction of houses for those less privileged dalit Christian families through TMSSS, assured to make at the disposal of TMSSS, a portion of the amount from his "Mission Appeal" collection.

2. COMMUNITY BASED DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

2.1 Mahalir Membattu Iyakkam (MMI)

The Mahalir Membattu Iyakkam of TMSSS that had its inception during the year 1987 continues its yeoman services towards the self-dependant and sustainable living of women through organizing them into groups, capacitating them through trainings, workshops and exposures, enhancing their livelihood opportunities, promoting rights, value and issue based activities and facilitating them, thereby, to become change agents in their respective communities and as masters of their own destinies.

The milestones of the year 2011-12 are :

No.of districts	:	03
No.of blocks	:	10
No.of villages	:	350
No.of groups	:	650
No.of members on roll	:	8500
Total savings by members	:	Rs.1,92,23,675/-
Total Amount of Small loans given	:	Rs.3,80,86,000/-
Total No.of Women availed loans	:	4,205

During the year 2011-12 in total 14 training programmes under varied subjects were organized and conducted by MMI. The people benefitted are CBO members, Project Staff, General Body Members, PRI representatives, staff of GVI & NT programmes, Federation members and leaders at regional and district levels and project coordinators. The contributions of the trainers from TASOSS and TMSSS have enabled all the programmes to be beneficial and successful. The list of training programmes organized are :

TRAINING PROGRAMMES :

S.No.	Date	Place	Contents	Participants
1	April 2011 (3 days)	Marungapuri	Community Based Organizations' (CBO) role and responsibilities	CBO members
2	June 2011 (7 days)	10 Union Offices	Formulation of rules and regulations	CBO representatives of 10 unions
3	July 2011	TMSSS	Governing Body and General Body Meetings.	400 General Body Members and Coordinators
4	July 2011 (12 trainings)	10 Union offices	Panchayat Raj elections - awareness and motivation	Contestants in panchayat Raj elections
5	August 2011 (11 trainings)	09 Union offices	Government Welfare Schemes	Members from 10 CBOs
6	September 2011 (2 trainings)	01 union office TMSSS	Government Welfare Schemes Equalized Education system, Fundamental rights.	CBO members, staff, Responsibles of the Movement and Director
7	October 2011 (2 trainings)	TMSSS - Trichy TMSSS-Thanjavur	Strengthening of district level Federations and regional level groups.	Members, Regional level office bearers and District level Executive members

8	November 2011	TMSSS	Formulation of Rules & Regulations, Membership subscription increase	Staff of New Thrust programme at Trichy District Federation level
9	December 2011 (3 trainings)	TASSO TMSSS TMSSS	New Thrust – planning for V phase Natural Farming Practices Formulation of Rules & Regulations. Membership subscriptions	Director, Chief Coordinator, Staff of GVI & MMI Coordinators and office bearers of Trichy District level federation.
10	January 2012 (2 meetings)	TMSSS	General Body & Governing body Meetings	Office bearers of the MMI movement, Coordinators
11	08.01.12	Ponneripuram	Medical Camp	People of Ponneripuram area
12	12.02.12	Kattur	Medical Camp	People of Kattur area
13	06.03.12	TMSSS	New Thrust programme – Rights Based activities	Community leaders Coordinators and Directors
14	10.03.12	Pastoral Centre	International Women’s Day Celebration	Members, coordinators and office bearers of MMI

Activities and accomplishments :

General :

- 7000 school going children of MMI and GVI members were given 20,736 note books free of cost to facilitate them to pursue their studies without any drop.
- The trainings given at different levels for the contestants of Panchayat Raj elections by the MMI of TMSSS have enabled 25 candidates to turn out successfully as ward members, councillors and Presidents respectively.

Thiruverambur CBO

- The inclusion of Alathur Panchayat area within the Tiruchirapalli Corporation limits were objected by all the women group members through their grievance petition to the District Collector and by road block.
- General Medical Camp was organized by the women groups of Kattur and conducted the same on 12.02.2012 in collaboration with the Child Jesus Hospital, Trichy to benefit around 300 members.

Anthanallur CBO

- The General Medical Camp organized and conducted by Anthanallur area women groups joining hands with the medical team of Child Jesus Hospital, Trichy on 25.03.2012 benefitted more than 400 members.

Ariyamangalam CBO

- The joint business venture by 10 members of Ariyamangalam CBO has successfully ended in getting adequate employment, income and profit both individually and as a group.
- 450 members of the area were able to benefit from the General Medical camp organized by the women groups of Ponneripuram with the support of the Child Jesus Hospital medicos on 08.01.2012.
- The CBO of Ariyamangalam was successful in getting a compensation of Rs.30,000/- from Jana Sri Beema Yojana Scheme of the LIC for the legal heir of Mrs. Jaya of Gandhi Nagar in the event of her sudden demise.

Vaiyampatty CBO

- The Vaiyampatty CBO succeeded in getting Rs.30,000/- for Mrs. Thamilarasi of Karungulam in the event of the death of her husband from the Group Insurance Scheme.
- The training on organic and natural farming practices have been successful in motivating the Green House members of Nadupatti village to enter into the cultivation of chemical free organic vegetables.

Special Events :

- The members of Trichy District Women Federation jointly with the members of Consumer Protection Cell organized an agitation on 21.02.2011 in front of the Trichy Railway Junction demanding the withdrawal of the price hikes for milk and Bus fares.
- The MMI celebrated the International Women's Day on 10.03.2012 at Nallayan Nilayam (Pastoral Centre). The Honourable Meyar Mrs. Jaya of Tiruchirapalli Corporation honoured the celebrations by her presence. Rt.Rev.Thomas Paulsamy, the Vicar General of the Diocese presided over the function. Dr. Mrs. Pushparani and Mrs. Mangalamary addressed the gathering. Fr.S.Devaraj, the Secretary and Fr.P. John Selvaraj, the Assistant Secretary, TMSSS felicitated. More than 700 women joined in the celebrations with involvement and enthusiasm.

2.2 Empowering Women through Awareness :

(Sponsored by Caritas India, New Delhi)

The Dalit women of 30 villages from Marungapuri, Vaiyampatty and Manapparai Panchayat unions in Trichy District are being empowered through awareness education and livelihood opportunities for a sustainable living through building their vocational skills and marketing avenues. Adequate care is also being given to ensure protection of gender rights and prevention of violence against those less privileged women, social security programmes and safety net programmes of the Government and TMSSS are also being made available and accessible for an ensured development and sustainability in their living.

The details of work done are :

No.of Dalit Women Groups formed	:	30
No.of members enrolled	:	391
Amount saved by the members	:	Rs.4,58,300/-
Amount disbursed as short term loan under internal lending	:	Rs.3,00,000
The percentage of recovery	:	98%

The women members of the groups were given an awareness and empowered with the required knowledge and skills on the following : situational analysis, Group building process, Economic Development Programmes (EDP), Linkages with banks and marketing institutions, Community Health Practices and alternative medicines, Panchayat Raj Institutions, Government Schemes, Social Legislations and interface dialogue with PRIs and other line departments. The project staff were also trained at intervals to orient and upgrade their skills to execute their responsibilities very efficiently and effectively.

Trainings organized :

S.No.	Name of Training	Contents	No.of days	No.of participants
1	Staff Training	Orientation on project components	04	10
2	Situational Analysis	Problem identification, Surveyed data collection, Consolidation and documentation.	03	20
3	Group Building	Concept clarity, Core group formation, structure, Governance, negotiation skills,	02	175 (in 4 batches)

		common issues identification and action, Records maintenance		
4	EDP Training	Establishment of Grocery stores, Petty shops, Goatry Units, Production and sale of surf, phenyl, Ink, Pickles and wire bags.	02	200 (in 5 batches)
5	Community Health Practices and alternative medicines	First Aid, Immunisation, Sanitation, Personal & environmental hygiene, Herbal medicines production and distribution	02	200 (in 5 batches)
6	PRI. Govt. Schemes and social legislations	Social, economical, political and cultural context.	02	366 (in 8 batches)
7	Interface dialogue with PRIs and other line departments	Grama Sabha, Welfare Schemes, Infrastructures	02	200 (from 5 panchayats)
8	Review Meetings	Work done, work not done, problems faced, rectification measures, planning for future.	02	12

Actions taken and achievements realized :

S. No.	Village	Issues addressed	Strategies employed	Results/Status
1	R.S.Vaiyampatty	Free Housing for 3 families	Filing application & Follow - up	3 houses built
2	MCP Colony JJ Nagar	House Patta for 20 Housepatta for 23	" "	20 pattas issued Pending still
3	West Manjampatty Thuvarankurichy	Link and approach Roads	Filing petitions, negotiations with officials, Public pressure	Roads formed and linked respectively
4	Sevalpatty	Drainage facilities	Petition to collector pressure in Grama Sabha and mass representation	Drainage constructed
5	MCP Colony Malaiyadipatty	Drinking water taps Drinking water provision	Application & personal request Request in writing, group representation	05 taps provided Action not taken
6	Kallangapatty Karungulam and Ponnampatty	Overhead tanks cleaning	Application, Public representation	Tanks cleaned in all places
7	Entapuli	Street Lights	Representation in Grama Sabha	4 Street Lights provided

8	Theerampatty	Group Housing	Request in writing, Group representation	Action still pending
9	Keelval & Melvalpatties	Public Transport	"	5 trips per day approved
10	Kallakkampatty	School upgradation	Application to Block, Taluk & District offices and CM Cell	Middle school upgraded into a High School
11	Aathupatty	Anganwadi	Application, People's representation	Anganwadi established
12	Melvalpatty Keelvalpatty	Family Disputes	Motivation, Counselling, guidance and pressures	Problem settled and couples united
13	Semmettupatty	Change of Leadership	Raising public opinion and motivation	Traditional leadership changed

Though there is still a long way to go to make these so far less privileged and discriminated Dalit Women independent and sustainable, this project have enabled them to make situational analysis using systematic tools, to negotiate with Government and other line department officials, to create individual assets benefitting from internal lending, to provide better education to their children, to become motivated to contest and campaign in local body elections and to emerge as dynamic leaders.

2.3 Grama Valarchi Iyakkam (GVI)

TMSSS, strives to ensure the rights and entitlements of the small and marginal farmers, who have enrolled themselves as members under GVI, from Trichy and Pudukottai districts, since the inception of the movement i.e. from the year 1987. By exposing and facilitating the members to different kinds of trainings, methods of cultivation, visits to model farms, interaction with the agri experts, micro credits etc. TMSSS tries to enhance their production, income and thereby their sustainability in their socio-economic living.

Core objectives of the movement :

- To organize the rural small and marginal farmers and agricultural labourers for social empowerment and economic development
- To enable GVI groups to create linkages with likeminded groups and community based organizations for building alliance and for advocating their rights and entitlements through democratic and non-violent means.
- To make the small and marginal farmers aware of the various Government welfare and development schemes and to facilitate them to avail them appropriately.

- To inculcate the habit of small savings in them and thereby enhance their economic growth and development through accessing credit support from micro and macro credit enterprises and people's Bank.
- To orient the members of GVI on sustainable agricultural practices such as ecological organic farming/integrated farming etc., through training and exposures.
- To enhance the social responsibility of the members of GVI.

The current status of GVI :

No.of Districts covered	:	02
No.of Panchayat Unions covered	:	06
No.of villages brought under cover	:	103
No.of farmers' groups formed	:	66 - Trichy 72 - Pudukottai
No.of members enrolled	:	926- Trichy 1095- Pudukottai
Total amount saved by members	:	Rs.2.52,000/-
Total amount disbursed as loan	:	Rs.6,71,000/-

Apart from the agricultural activities, the GVI members groups have materialized the following through their collective efforts.

The activities initiated and achieved

S.No.	Achievements	No.of villages benefitted
1	Street Lights	46
2	Community Toilets	02
3	Community Hall	01
4	Drinking water supply	02
5	Cooperative Milk Society	05
6	Public Transport	04
7	Old Age Pensions	10 Nos.

Special events of the year in GVI

S.No.	Date	Place	Nature of Event	No.benefitted
1	13.07.2011	T.Udayapatty	Free Eye Camp	217
2	20.09.2011	Odugampatty	Free General Medical camp	296
3	10.11.2011	Killukottai	Free Eye Camp	172

Dr. Govindarajan Eye Hospital, Trichy and TEAM Speciality Hospital, Pudukottai partnered with GVI in making the above events more beneficial and successful.

2.4 Kolping (India) Movement :

(Supported by International Kolping Society, Germany)

The Kolping Movement that was started in the year 1989 for the spiritual formation and economical development of its member Christian families based on the vision of the Founder Bl. Adolph Kolping, have succeeded in forming 51 groups with 822 members so far within the four vicariates of the Diocese. The members are being empowered and equipped with adequate knowledge and varied skills through periodically planned trainings and seminars to facilitate them to strengthen their spirituality and to become self dependant and sustainable for their individual and family needs. The details of different programmes designed and initiated exclusively for their holistic development are :

Capacity Building :

Since the future improvement and strengthening of the Kolping Movement depends on the empowerment and capabilities of its members, several training programmes and seminars are being organized every year under relevant and related subjects. The subjects focused during the year 2011-12 are :

- EDP and marketing skills upgradation.
- Disaster preparedness and Natural Resource Management
- Rights and Issues based awareness
- Individual and group leadership and management skills
- Accounting, book keeping and records maintenance.
- Micro-finance and micro-credits
- Net working and advocacy with other concerns

Income Generation :

As the economy plays an indispensable role in the growth and development of a family, TMSSS did not have any reservation in supporting the deserving individuals and families, with the required credit assistances to venture into income generating activities of their own choice based on their training, managerial competency, environmental suitability and sanctions of the community. During this reporting year 194 members selected from 45 Kolping groups were assisted with Rs.11,40,000/- for IGP activities. The different activities ventured are : Tea shops, Petty Shops, Saree

and Ready Made Garments sales, grinding flour, tailoring and Embroidery, Gem cutting, Candles, Phenyl, Pickles, Pappadam, Cleaning & Washing Powders and Cosmetics production and sales. The income generated facilitates them to meet their family needs, to provide better and continued education and health care to their children and to save something for their emergencies, to expand their business and thereby reduce their dependency on the money lenders, vested interests that usually ends in undue exploitations.

Savings and credits :

It has been made mandatory that all who enroll themselves as members in the Kolping Movement, should save atleast Rs.100/- per month from their income. The money saved by them are invested in Fixed Deposits and to provide internal lending among the members at times of urgent needs. The members are proud to say of their savings to Rs.26,50,000/-till date and of revolving Rs.19,50,000/- under micro-credit assistance. This had reduced their dependence they say, on the money lenders, landlords, vested interests and subsequently exploitations and atrocities to a very great extent.

Housing :

The natural and manmade disasters like whirlwind, cyclone, rain and fire play a havoc on the shelters of the poor members of the movement every year and make them helpless. TMSSS strives to mitigate the struggles or helplessness of those disadvantaged by providing financial assistance for repairs, renovation, additional construction etc. as per the need. This year 54 such families from 40 groups were helped with Rs.10,000/- to Rs.30,000/- depending upon the status of collapse or damage. In addition 05 most deserving families were provided with Rs.50,000/- each with a subsidy of Rs.10,000/- to build their new houses.

Vocational Training and Educational Assistance :

The Kolping Movement had successfully empowered 17 deserving children selected from Kolping families with the required knowledge and skills on computer operation and application through extending appropriate financial assistance during this year 2011-12.

The movement had also extended Rs.1,70,000/- as educational assistance for 17 students identified from 19 groups to pursue their higher studies in different courses including vocational.

The Outcomes/Impacts of the Kolping Movement :

- The social concern of the members shown towards the aged, handicapped, destitute, deprived, socially excluded and the diseased without any discrimination on the basis of caste, religion, creed, language, ethnicity etc. have experienced a remarkable improvement.

- The collective efforts by the members have resulted favourably in getting basic facilities like street lights, link roads, bridge, drinking water, health and sanitation, public transportation etc. for the respective communities.
- The different IGPs initiated and ventured by the member families have enhanced their self-employment and income opportunities to a reasonable extent.
- The regular and additional income raised through IGPs have facilitated the members to meet all their family needs, to become free from dependency and to improve their socio-economic living conditions.
- The women members becoming resourceful and subjects of development have enabled them to gain social status and recognition in their respective communities. The empowerment with knowledge and skills have enhanced their self - confidence and self-respect.

Special Events of the Year :

- Monitoring Team Training at National level – between 9th and 11th May 2011.
- National level coordination meeting at Chennai – between 13th and 15th July 2011.
- Visit of Mrs.Claudia to the Regional Kolping Centre on 17th July 2011.
- Kolping India election held on 29th September 2011.
- Bl. Adolph Kolping’s Beautification Day Celebration and Annual General Body Meetings of Kolping Movement
- Visit of Mr. George from Kolping International on 17th November 2011 to the Regional Kolping Centre and the Artificial Limbs Fitment Centre (ALFC) housed at the Centre.
- National level coordination meeting between 13th and 15th December 2011.

The newly built and blessed Regional Centre on 24.02.2011 has been thrown open to accommodate physiotherapy unit and Artificial Limbs Fitment Centre (ALFC). The residential houses attached are given on rent to generate resources for the maintenance of the Regional Centre.

The inalienable efforts of the Directors, coordinators and the Board Members have facilitated the movement to increase, expand and strengthen its activities towards reaching the vision of the founder viz. “Better Tomorrow” for all the deserving member families.

2.5 Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR)

The Community Based Rehabilitation has emerged as an efficient and effective strategy to provide community based disability services as the disabled were forced to live in object poverty deprived of access to their entitlements for rehabilitation and discriminated by their own

societies/communities. The programme, therefore, focuses on enhancing the quality of life for the people with disabilities and their families by meeting their basic needs and ensuring at the same time inter-dependant and dynamic relationship with the community. Hence CBR is a multi-sectoral approach having five major components like Health Education, Livelihood, social and Empowerment. TMSSS started the CBR programme first in Manapparai area of Trichy District during the year 2000 and extended it to Kulathur and Viralimalai areas in Pudukottai district during the year 2001 based on the need and demand.

Major Thrust :

The major thrust of the programme is the identification of the persons with disabilities (PWDs), creating awareness among the public to have positive attitudes towards the PWDs, planning early intervention for prevention and providing appropriate rehabilitation services.

Activities initiated during the year :

- Physiotherapy, speech therapy, special education and behavior modification
- Orientations to students, teachers, volunteers and the communities at large
- Counselling and guidance to parents, care takers and expected mothers.
- Empowering PWDs with appropriate vocational skills.
- Educational support to promote basic education and its continuity
- Linkages and referral services for availing the required services and benefits from other line departments and institutions.

Target groups covered and served

- Total number of people covered : 2,11,576
- No.of villages in three areas covered : 186
- No.of PWDs identified and served : 1236
- No.of adult PWDs covered and served : 695
- No.of child PWDs covered and served : 541

Details of Training programmes organized :

S.No	Date	Place	Theme/subject	Fecilitators	Participants
1	15.03.11	Karur	Neo Natal Screening	Mr. Sethulingam, Director, Sidhar Trust, Karur	Staffs
2	27.04.11	Keeranur	Pregnant mothers Training	Staff Nurse, Government Hospital, Keeranur.	10 persons
3	10.05.11	TMSSS	Staff Training	Mrs. Rajathi, Out Reach Worker,CBR	10 persons

4	18.06.11	Kallukara Street	Learning Children Forum	Mrs. Rajathi, Out Reach Worker,CBR	15 children
5	23.06.11	Manjampatty	Parents Training	Mr. Raja, Physiotherapist. Mr. Justus, Supervisor.	40 persons
6	16.07.11	Seerathoppu	Learning Children Forum	Mrs. Thenmozhi, Out Reach Worker,CBR	10 children
7	19.07.11	Nagamangalam	School Awareness	Mrs. Arulselvi, Family Counsellor. Mrs.A. Sophia Victor, Coordinator, CBR	99 students
8	23.07.11	Keeranur	Parents training	Mr. Raja, Physiotherapist. Mr. Justus, Supervisor.	45 persons
9	29.07.11	Kayampatty	Community Awareness	Mrs. Arulselvi. Family Counsellor. Mrs.A. Sophia Victor, Coordinator, CBR	210 persons
10	19.08.11	Muthapudayan patty	Community Awareness	Mrs.A. Sophia Victor, Coordinator, CBR Mr. Justus, Supervisor.	188 persons
11	09.09.11	Thirumalairaya puram	School Awareness	Mrs. Rajathi, Out Reach Worker,CBR Mrs.A. Sophia Victor, Coordinator, CBR. Mr. Justus, Supervisor.	110 students
12	20.09.11	Viralimalai	Parents Training	Mrs. Arulselvi, Family Counsellor, Mrs.A. Sophia Victor, Coordinator, CBR Mr. Justus, Supervisor	35 persons
13	23.09.11	TMSSS	Staff Training	Mrs. Leema, Holy Cross Service Society.	10 persons
14	28.10.11	Periyaanaikarai patty	School Awareness	Mrs. Arulselvi, Family Counsellor. Mrs.A. Sophia Victor, Coordinator, CBR. Mr. Justus, Supervisor	85 students

15	23.11.11	Trichy	School Awareness	Mrs.A. Sophia Victor, Coordinator, CBR Mr. Justus, Supervisor	125 students
16	24.11.11	Viralimalai	SHG meeting	Mrs.A. Sophia Victor, Coordinator, CBR Mr. Justus, Supervisor	25 persons
17	29.11.11	TMSSS	Skill Development Training	Mrs. Shanthi, Collector Office, Trichy	45 persons
18	16.03.12	TMSSS	Staff Training	Mr. Senthilkumar, Physiotherapist	10 persons

Extra-Benefits derived by the PWDs.

S.No.	Benefits	No.of beneficiaries	
		Pudukottai	Trichy
1	National ID Cards renewed	50	50
2	Wheel Chairs	03	03
3	Crutches	--	02
4	Scholarships for students	31	10
5	Tricycles	01	02
6	Individual maintenance allowance	15	15
7	Free bus pass	10	04
8	Support for emergency medication	05	05
	Total	115	91

Outcomes of the CBR programme :

- The awareness programmes have motivated the normal students to exchange and share their knowledge, ideas and views with children with disabilities (CWDs)
- The traditional prejudices and misconceptions that served as great barriers for the social and economical rehabilitation of the disabled have recorded reduction as a result of the trainings to the parents.
- The capacity building training given to CWDs have enabled them to learn life coping skills and thereby to change their behaviours and attitudes towards others. These have enriched the happiness in their families.

- The Training has enabled the pregnant and expected mothers to acquire true knowledge about disability and the preventive measures to be taken before, during and after deliveries.
- The programme staff have become competent in discharging their responsibilities, solving the problems and taking the CWDs towards their sustainable rehabilitation as a result of trainings and workshops organized for them.
- The skills development training have encouraged the members of “Unamutrora Nala Mandram” (UNM) to exercise their right to work with competitive remuneration in their communities.
- The periodical school visits have helped to build up and maintain favourable climate with the school administration and the students and thereby to elicit their active involvement and participation in raising awareness, screening, identification and covering the deserving.
- The referral services have facilitated the PWDs who do not come under direct support to meet their needs from the Government and other institutions.

Disabled Day Celebration :

The International Day of persons with disabilities was observed by TMSSS on the 25th Day of January 2012. The celebrations were organized with a motive to create an awareness and understanding on all the problems and issues faced by the disabled and thereby to indulge into actions for restoring their rights, privileges and in promoting their total integration with the communities.

Mr.A.Alexander Mohan, IPS, the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Trichy presided over the function and addressed in his presidential note that the disabled persons should be treated with human respect and dignity, the pregnant mothers to consume nutritious food to prevent disability and the public to work collectively to mainstream the disabled people into social life. He also took the pleasure in distributing some aids and appliances like tricycles, wheel chairs, artificial limbs and crutches to the beneficiaries. In addition Rs.2,00,000/- were distributed among 30 most deserving beneficiaries for their livelihood opportunities.

Mr.Santiago, Regional Coordinator of Andheri Trust, India at Trichy and a visiting couple from Andheri Hilfe Bonn, Germany graced the celebrations by their presence and sharing their expert views on the disability with the gathering.

Mrs. Shyamala, the District Disabled Rehabilitation Officer (DDRO), Trichy District in her key note address highlighted that these less privileged people should be given community based care and support to get them reasonably rehabilitated in life.

Fr.S.Devaraj, the Secretary, Fr.P.John Selvaraj the Assistant Secretary of TMSSS and others honoured the celebration by their presence.

Success Story :

Selvi Priyanka, who is now 10 years completed was born on 15.09.2001 at Government Headquarters Hospital, Trichy to an illiterate and very poor couple with innumerable problems. She did not weep while coming out of the womb, bleeding through nose and mouth, looking abnormally, vomiting whatever given orally, left hand fingers closely tightened up and with many other internal unknown problems. The illiteracy, ignorance and poverty made her parents to keep the child within the home for two years without disclosing the conditions to anybody even to their close kith and kins. Luckily, by God's grace the child's status reached the ears of Mrs. Rajathi, an Out Reach Worker in TMSSS through whisper and hearsay. Witnessing the sorry, critical and helpless status of the child planned an action plan in collaboration with her co-workers and requested the parents to cooperate and involve actively.

Based on the need assessment made, the continuous and intensive physiotherapy given enabled the child to sit, stand and walk on herself. The speech therapy and special education given by the team facilitated her to join an integrated school and pursue her primary education. The life coping skills brought her to normalcy in eating, dressing, bathing, toileting etc. The financial assistance given by TMSSS helped to restore her eye problem and certain limbs disorders. Though her parents were very poor, illiterate and ignorant their true love and affection for the child enkindled them to spare no efforts or sacrifices to face social stigmas, blasphemies, neglect etc. and to shoulder every burden placing everything in the foots of God with trust on His mercy and efforts of the TMSSS team.

The God Almighty not only restored the child to normalcy but also had blessed her with an extraordinary skill, locally termed as the Seventh Sense. She is capable of predicting accurately the exact day, when asked, giving any date, any month, any year in a calendar of three years viz. immediate past, present and future. She demonstrated this extraordinary

God given power very successfully to the dismay of everybody present on the Disabled Day Celebration at TMSSS on 25.01.2012. The distinguished guests of honour witnessed the talent are : Mr. A. Alexander Mohan, IPS, The Inspector of Police (IGP) Trichy, Mrs. R.Shiyamala DDAWO of Trichy district, Mr. Santiago, Regional Officer of Andheri Trust India - Trichy and two German (couple) representatives from Andheri Hilfe, Bonn.

3. HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

3.1. Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts :

(Supported by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi)

Alcoholism is a chronic (long -term) disease. People who suffer from alcoholism are obsessed with alcohol and cannot control how much they consume, even if it is causing serious problems at home, work and financially. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) there are at-least 140 million alcoholics in the world and the majority of them are not treated. Alcohol consumption more severely affects women than men, according to a coordinated study carried out by researchers at RTI International, Leningrad Regional Centre of Addiction Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation and at other similar Institutions. The lifetime risk of alcohol-use disorders for men is more than 20%, with a risk of about 15% for alcohol abuse and 10% for alcohol dependence.

Scientists say there are specific genetic factors which they may make some people more likely to become addicted to alcohol, as well as other substances. People who have a family history of addiction are at higher risk for abusing alcohol. Another study have found that people who started drinking alcohol before the age of 15 were much more likely to have an alcohol problem later in life. Over the long or medium term, excessive drinking can significantly alter the levels of the brain chemicals, making the person's body crave for alcohol in order to feel good and avoid feeling bad.

The regular and heavy intake of alcohol or drugs may result in causing the following problems like fatigue, money loss, weakening of eye muscles, liver diseases, gastro intestinal complications, hypertension, heart problems, diabetes, cancer in mouth, liver, breast etc. accidents, domestic abuse, mental illness and may even end in suicide. Despite the above seriousness the alcohol consumption is on the increasing trend. In Tamilnadu, the State Government had estimated to turn out around 18,000/- crore rupees by way of selling alcohol.

Taking into serious consideration the adverse and ill-effects of alcoholism TMSSS to contribute its share towards rectifying the crisis situations, is running an Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts at Keeranur, Pudukottai District for more than 18 years in succession, with the grants-in-aid of the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and

Empowerment, New Delhi. The prime objective is to prevent the people from falling into alcohol addiction and becoming victims of other narcotic drugs and to provide the appropriate rehabilitative measures. The centre at Keeranur is well equipped with 15 beds for residential care and treatment and with qualified, experienced and committed staff team.

The activities of the year are :

- Total no.of alcoholic addicts and drug abusers treated counseled : 289
- No.of alcoholic addicts among them : 264
- No.of addicts to other and multiple drugs : 25
- No.of awareness programmes conducted : 44
- No.of trainings the staff attended to update their knowledge & skills : 02

The details of addicts cared for at the centre monthwise :

S. No.	Month & Year	Alcohol Dependence	Multi Drug Dependence	Total Number
1	April - 2011	25	3	28
2	May - 2011	30	2	32
3	June - 2011	19	4	23
4	July - 2011	26	4	30
5	August -2011	21	2	23
6	September -2011	28	0	28
7	October -2011	17	0	17
8	November -2011	22	2	24
9	December -2011	14	3	17
10	January -2012	17	1	18
11	February -2012	23	2	25
12	March -2012	22	2	24
	Total	264	25	289

The details of training staff attended :

S.No.	Date	Place	Content	Name of the Participant
1	20-24.02.2012	TTK, Chennai	Family Therapy	Ms. Samundeswari
2	02,03.03.2012	TMSSS, Trichy	Enhancing Recovery	Ms. Samundeswari Mrs. Silambarasi

Review Meetings :

Review meeting of the programme is organized every month at the centre with the presence of the staff and the Secretary of TMSSS. The meeting is used to assess and analyse the work done during the month, problems or difficulties faced, means of solution arrived and to plan for actions to be undertaken in the subsequent month. All the proceedings are being recorded systematically for future reference.

Sub-committee meeting

As per the instructions of the Ministry a sub-committee has been constituted with socially conscious, committed and concerned representatives from the public like Police Department, NGOs, Local body, Government departments and TMSSS. The Sub-Committee meeting is being organized once in six months to review the activities carried out to plan for future course of action and for improvement of the centre.

Solidarity Groups :

Solidarity group's meetings are convened once in three months. Selected members from the community, ex-clients, NGO representatives and programme staff members of TMSSS participate. The members provide constructive criticisms and suggestions for further improvement of the programme.

3.2 Physiotherapy Treatment Centre

(Supported by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi)

Children and adults with disability, particularly with physical disability, can benefit greatly from physiotherapy. Physiotherapists are competent to assess, diagnose and treat the movement problems, cardio respiratory and neurological disorders and pains caused in joint, muscles and nerves both in children and adults. Their services will facilitate the disabled persons to move and become physically independent. Informations on the art of staying healthy also will be given to them during their interactions.

Taking into serious consideration the sorry state of such disabled persons especially from the lower economic strata and deeply concerned for them the TMSSS established a physiotherapy centre at Sangliyandapuram during the year 1989 with its own financial resources. Appreciating the efforts being ploughed in and the subsequent benefits realized by the beneficiaries the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi came forward to support the programme through its grants-in-aids from 1st March of the year 2000. Since the establishment of the centre, well

qualified, experienced and committed physiotherapists and occupational therapists render their untiring efforts and services for the less privileged disabled persons.

The PWD's treated at this centre are also given regular and frequent follow-up reviews to improve and sustain their mobilities. Free accommodation and treatment facilities are also being extended to persons coming from long distances. The centre in addition to providing out-patient and inpatient services, extends treatments and other required services at their doorsteps during the field visits. The two major therapies given to the needy are :

Physiotherapy :

Physiotherapy is a modern scientific system of medicine where physical agents with various techniques are applied to pathological conditions for producing therapeutic effects. It covers all the dimensions of rehabilitation like preventive, curative and restorative. Proper examination, treatment and follow-up instructions are being provided to them with an aim to improve their functional independence.

Occupational Therapy:

Occupational therapy is an activity oriented treatment, which uses purposeful activities that have an inherent goal, relevant and meaningful to the patient. The prime goal of occupational therapy is to facilitate the development of maximum function needed essentially for adaptation and productivity, to diminish or correct pathology and to promote and maintain health. The therapists work to restore the functionality of the patients in their work places besides restoring their functional efficiency in day to day work.

TREATMENT MODALITIES AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE

EXERCISE THERAPY TREATMENT	ELECTRO THERAPY TREATMENT	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TREATMENT
Passive, active assisted resisted and free exercises	Electrical nerve and muscle stimulation	Positioning with prone board, corner seat, standing frame
Mobilization, stretching and strengthening exercises	Traction for neck and back	Special clothing, splinting, Communication devices
Exercises in stationary bicycle, quadruped table	Short wave diathermy	Sensory stimulation, inhibitory and facilitatory techniques
Posture correction	Wax therapy	ADL training, adaptations
Gait training with parallel bar, walker, frames and crutches	Ultrasound therapy	Balance training with peg board, cut board, balance board, crawler, therapy ball
Gait training with calipers and prosthesis	Infrared radiation	Play therapy
Exercises with splints	Interferential therapy	Vocational Rehabilitation

SERVICES RENDERED AT THE CENTRE :

1. Identification and examination of PWDs
2. Provision of Physiotherapy and Occupational therapy treatments using various exercises, stretching techniques, NDT, PNF, Rood's approach, sensory integration, group therapy and play therapy
3. Training of PWDs with appropriate special appliances
4. Organizing camps, seminars and counseling sessions for the parents and care takers of PWDs to generate awareness, knowledge on preventive measures and appropriate guidance for follow-up and maintenance.
5. Rendering the required services to the needy PWDs at their door steps.
6. Facilitating for maximum independence in performing skills and in improving functional efficiency in their day-to-day work.

During the year 2011-12 in total 6,409 persons with disabilities have been treated by the centre under three categories like as outpatient, inpatient and out reach. The details are :

Patients treated between 1st April 2011 and 31st March 2012.

S. No.	Classification of conditions	Out patient	In patient	Out Reach	Total No.of patients
1	Anterior polio myelitis	13	51	0	64
2	Low backache	248	0	0	248
3	Cervical spondylosis	135	0	0	135
4	Arthritis	260	0	0	260
5	Cerebral palsy/other neuro conditions	4227	32	436	4695
6	Sprain/Strain	794	18	36	848
7	Amputee	31	118	0	149
8	Other conditions	8	2	0	10
	Total	5716	221	472	6409

3.3 Artificial Limbs Fitment Centre (ALFC)

(Supported by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi)

Disability is a crucial and a growing problem for all who become affected because they are thrown to face innumerable problems from cradle to grave. One of the most crucial problems they are forced to face is restriction in their mobility. India is estimated to have over a 100 million people

with different forms of disabilities. The application of modern technology have helped to emerge a number of aids and appliances that could reduce the effects of disabilities and help to enhance their economic potentials. It is very unfortunate to note at this juncture that despite the availability of such aids and appliances, a vast majority are being deprived of from using them as their poor family economic conditions do not permit them or they could not find other sources on their own.

Taking into consideration the seriousness of the plight of such disabled persons, the Government of India started to provide the required aids and appliances at minimum costs through introducing the scheme called ADIP. The scheme brought suitable, durable, scientifically manufactured, modern and standard aids and appliances to their reach. The TMSSS to contribute its share established a Artificial Limbs Fitment Centre at Sangliyandapuram during the year 1989 with the following objectives :

The objectives :

- To identify and assess the services required by the individuals.
- To produce aids and appliances suitable to the needs of those disabled persons
- To help the rural and urban poor with disabilities to access the appropriate mobility aids and appliances.
- To enhance the mobility of the disabled persons and facilitate them to cope up with the mainstream of the society
- To sensitize the public on prevention of disability and protection of their physical parts.

To make its objectives translated into realities TMSSS started to manufacture calipers, shoes and prosthesis and supplied them to the people with the physical disabilities. The beneficiaries are identified through camps organized in collaboration with the District Disabled Rehabilitation Welfare Officers (DDRWOs) of 4 districts in Tamilnadu and the other units of TMSSS. Having considered the services of TMSSS in this crucial field the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi started to support through its grants-in-aid under the scheme termed as ADIP scheme.

Due to some unavoidable and practical problems, the Ministry withdrew its grants-in-aid support for two years from April 2010 to March 2012. Hence with the timely financial support of Andheri Hilfe Bonn-Germany through Andheri Trust-India, TMSSS continued to extend its services to the people required not free of cost but by collecting the cost of aids and appliances alone under business model. The Kolping India also came forward very generously to contribute its share to set in motion the projected activities without any snag. Finally with great strain and pursuance the

TMSSS has been able to succeed in taping the grants-in-aid again from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi. the Ministry had accorded sanction to cover two districts viz. Trichy and Dindigul.

The details of aids and appliances provided and the number of disabled persons benefitted are :

S.No.	Type of Aids & Appliances	No.of Beneficiaries
1	Artificial Limbs	89
2	Calipers	35
3	MCR Chappals	09
4	Crutches	07
	Total	140

Staff Pattern :

The ALFC is equipped with four qualified and experienced ortho Technicians, One Rehabilitation Officer and Two helpers. The Ortho Technicians fabricate and manufacture artificial limbs, calipers, crutches and other orthopedic appliances. The Rehabilitation Officer is responsible to organize screening camps for identifying deserving persons and for supplying the appropriate aids and appliances. He also makes follow -up contacts to make the beneficiaries to use their aids and appliances properly through his guidance services. He also provides referral services to avail other benefits from different Government Departments.

3.4 Community Based Health Centres :

Health is something that is desired by all but only the affordable are able to get their needs met. The poor living in rural areas are being deprived from availing such services in time as their economic situations do not permit them. Therefore they are forced to depend on quacks or superstitious beliefs or native medicines and risk their health to a greater extent. Understanding the helplessness of those rural poor and the less privileged, TMSSS established community based Mini Health Centres in such places where it was most wanted during the year 1981. The number increased as years passed and now there are four centres to alleviate the human sufferings and to enhance the health status of the people. All the four centres are being looked after and managed by adequately qualified and experienced nurses. The total number of people availed the services of the TMSSS's community Based Mini Health Centres during the year 2011-12 monthwise and centrewise are :

Beneficiaries of Health Programme (April 2011 - March 2012)

S. No.	Name of the Centre	April 2011	May 2011	June 2011	July 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Total
1	Avarampatty	396	426	419	415	430	460	443	540	535	433	463	392	5352
2	Chinnandi-patty	458	578	480	514	511	531	564	615	600	590	429	402	6272
3	Manjampatty	497	519	578	581	597	657	683	704	691	587	476	481	7051
4	Malaipatty	203	219	241	267	243	287	302	313	293	188	201	167	2924
	Total	1554	1742	1718	1777	1781	1935	1992	2172	2119	1798	1569	1442	21599

Besides attending to the immediate health needs of the people the centres also make referral services for further check ups, tests and treatments from well established Government and private hospitals to the needy who are under critical situations.

3.5 Family Counselling and Reconciliation Centre

(Supported by Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi)

The present social and economical crisis situations drive a large number of families to face series of problems and challenges and thereby end in turmoil and disintegration. When the people fall into such situations they need counselling to make the family function as a healthy unit. Therefore, Family Counselling is a type of psychotherapy having one and more objectives envisaged to promote better relationships and understanding within a family. The family counselling may be incident specific or when one family member suffers from a mental or physical illness that alters his or her behavior or habits in negative ways. The following are the major crisis situations when the family counselling is required to set the things in the right path. They are, when the people are confronted and overlapped by anxiety and stress, depression, abuse of children, anger moments, physical and sexual abuse, children issues and chronic dissatisfaction.

TMSSS greatly valuing the need for a family to function as a healthy unit without being confronted with such disintegration of any kind established a Family Counselling Centre at Keeranur, Pudukottai district with the grants-in-aid of the Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi processed through the Tamilnadu Social Welfare Board, Chennai during the year 1987. Since then, the centre is providing worth mentioning services with the help of two professionally qualified and well experienced counsellors. Their services include counselling, guidance, awareness generation and reconciliation.

The performance record of the centre for the year 2011-12

No.of cases registered	:	221
No.of cases settled after counselling	:	179
No.of cases dropped	:	12
No.of cases pending for settlement	:	30

The details of services rendered and no.of cases closed

1. Reconciliation	:	81
2. Mutual Settlement	:	03
3. Referred to the court	:	22
4. Self-change	:	20
5. De-addiction Treatment	:	16
6. Psychiatric treatment	:	05
7. Referred to All women Police Station	:	01
8. Referred to Medical check-up	:	07
9. Drop-out	:	12
10. Mutual Separation	:	06
11. Referred to protection officer	:	16
12. Referred to Short Stay Home	:	01
13. Acceptance for marriage	:	01
Total	:	191

The counsellors were able to maximize their achievements by adhering to the methodologies of reconciliation, mutual compromise, psychiatric counseling, court proceedings and referral services to appropriate Government departments. The Sub-Committee meetings organized once in three months also encouraged and facilitated the counsellors to turn out their performance realistic and noteworthy.

The details of Sub-Committee meetings held :

S.No.	Date	Topic	No.of participants
1	25.06.2011	Planning & Evaluation	20
2	27.09.2011	Planning & Evaluation	22
3	20.12.2011	Planning & Evaluation	20
4	17.03.2012	Planning & Evaluation	20

Since awareness generation plays a pivotal role in making the families as healthy units through counselling and other services TMSSS gave due importance for awareness. The details of programmes conducted during the year 2011-12 are :

Awareness Programme :

S.No.	Date	Place	Topic
1	09.04.2011	Kunnandarkoil	Legal Literacy Camp
2	28.04.2011	TMSSS, Trichy	Alcohol free life
3	21.05.2011	Keeranur	Awareness on Family Counselling Centre
4	15.06.2011	TMSSS, Trichy	Women's Role in Family Health
5	24.06.2011	Kalamavoor	Awareness on Family Counselling Centre
6	18.07.2011	St.Joseph's Hr.Sec.School, Nagamangalam,	School Awareness Programme
7	29.07.2011	Perambur	Legal Awareness Campaign
8	12.08.2011	Govt. High School, Keeranur	Adolescent problem for School children
9	27.08.2011	Illuppur	Awareness generation programme for SHG
10	09.09.2011	Govt. High School, Mangudi	Premarital counselling
11	21.09.2011	Mettu Salai, Keeranur	School Awareness on Domestic Violence Act 2005
12	30.09.2011	Melapuduvayal	Women Development
13	28.10.2011	R.C. High School, Peria Anaikaraiatty	School Awareness Programme
14	16.11.2011	Uppliakudi	
15	05.12.2011	St. Anne's Teachers Training School, Keeranur	World Aids Day
16	24.01.2012	Mandaiyur	Vidiyalai Thedi
17	16.02.2012	High School, Keeranur	Health Education
18	17.03.2012	Keeranur	World Women's Day

SUCCESS STORY

Mr. Suresh

One Mr. Suresh (name changed) aged 40 years was successfully reunited with his second wife and children after a regular and intensified counseling and guidance by the Counsellors of TMSSS. The story goes as follows :

Mr. Suresh primarily being a trained electrician was employed as a senior electrician in one of the renowned Engineering college. Since he was well paid and thought that he could run and maintain a family, married a girl. Their married life could not last long since they have to become divorced due to some misunderstanding and mal adjustments.

Mr. Suresh, opting for second marriage took another girl as his wife legally. Their life cycle went on very smoothly and pleasantly for about nine years, within which period they became the biological parents for two male children. The problems started then ie. from the moment his wife started to go for some coolie work. He was given to understand by hearsay that his wife is developing contacts with some other man and she is in the habit of ignoring the needs of their children even at crucial situations.

Having heard about the unhealthy behaviour of his wife and with an intention to rectify he developed quarrels and the quarrels and heated arguments lingered for several months. Despite the above intervention Mr. Suresh could not find any noticeable change in his wife. Hence the disputes started again and when it reached the climax the wife becoming frustrated and added with the suspicion about her husband's underground desire to marry another girl after diversing her enthused her to commit suicide. Luckily the neighbours saved her and placed her with her parents after giving the required advices with an intention that the situation will come to normally soon.

The situation did come to normalcy within a year. Mr. Suresh tried to contact his wife and to negotiate with her about living together again. Neither she nor her parents accepted the offer even after several attempts. Only at this point of time Suresh approached our counseling centre with two options in mind. That is either to live together if she accepts or to become mutually separated.

The counsellors sat for several sessions with Suresh and his wife on calling both individually and together. After long persuasion both of them ventilated themselves and

from their ventilation it was realized that lack of mutual understanding, belief, trust and concern for each other have made them to reach this sorry state of affairs. A final session with them including their parents enabled them to become compromised and willing to be reunited. The Family Counselling Centre of TMSSS is happy for doing the right thing at the right time before the situation becoming very critical.

4. CHILDREN ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

4.1 Day Care Centres (Creches)

(Supported by Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi)

In the fast growing economic scenario, it has become imperative that both the parents should work to earn and support their family income to lead a decent living with the basic needs met in the ever growing cost index of all essential articles. The conditions of rural poor women especially the working and ailing mothers are more precarious because irrespective of their physical and psychological conditions they are necessitated to augment to their family income. In such situations they are not able to give the required care and support to their young ones. They are forced, therefore, to drop their grown up children from studies and make them to look-after their babies and the households when they are out in the fields. Though they are physically at the work place their whole mind and anxiety lingered around their children. Therefore their work turnout suffered a setback, consequently enmity was developed with their masters and many a time they inherited blasphemes.

Taking into serious consideration the plight of these poor working and ailing mothers TMSSS established Day care centres during the year 1980-81 to help and emancipate them. 16 creches in total are being run by the organization with the grants-in-aid of the Central Social Welfare Board through the Tamilnadu Social Welfare Board in Tiruchirapalli, Pudukottai and Karur Districts. The centres take care of the children's physical, mental psychological needs and growth of these children during the day time and facilitates the mothers to work in peace and without worry or anxiety about their children. The children are being offered nutritious noon meal, recreational facilities, non-formal education through play way method and health care. The centres and the children are being looked after

systematically as per the guidelines of the Board with the placement of one teacher and one Ayah for each centre. The Sub-Committee meeting comprised with the creche teacher, local village health worker, representatives from local panchayat administration or other bodies and the parents, is being organized once in three months to discuss, plan, criticise and suggest for the smooth functioning and further development of the programme. The details of the centres run by TMSSS are :

S. No.	Location of the Centre	Nature	District	Average attendance of Children
1	Malaiyadipatty	Rural	Tiruchirapalli	27
2	Kailasapuram	Urban	Tiruchirapalli	25
3	Kattur	Urban	Tiruchirapalli	26
4	Sangliyandapuram	Urban	Tiruchirapalli	28
5	N.Poolampatty	Rural	Tiruchirapalli	26
6	Chinna Anaikaraipatty	Rural	Tiruchirapalli	28
7	Karungulam	Rural	Tiruchirapalli	27
8	Ponmalaipatty	Urban	Tiruchirapalli	26
9	Nazareth	Rural	Pudukottai	26
10	Illuppur	Rural	Pudukottai	25
11	Nanjur	Rural	Pudukottai	25
12	Alangapatty	Rural	Pudukottai	24
13	Avoor	Rural	Pudukottai	32
14	Kulithalai	Rural	Karur	25
15	P.Udayapatty	Rural	Karur	25
16	Kalladai	Rural	Karur	27
	Total			422

4.2 Rehabilitation and Prevention of Street Children (SONTHAM)

The prime objective of TMSSS in establishing SONTHAM, a home for the street children during the year 1990 is to contribute to and promote the integral human development of the street children and help them discover greater dignity and achieve greater freedom and participation in the mainstream social life. The children identified

wandering in the streets, indulged in hazardous and non-hazardous child labour activities, begging and involved in anti-social activities are brought to the shelter home 'SONTHAM'. There they are given food, accommodation and personal needs first and then they are counselled, educated under non-formal system, empowered with some appropriate vocational skills and finally rehabilitated either in their families or in schools and in job placements. Due importance and care also are being given to prevent the children of school going age from being thrown into the streets, by enabling them to rejoin their schools after empowering them with the required knowledge through non-formal education. The two major services rendered to the street children are rehabilitation and prevention. The details of the services rendered are :

A. Rehabilitation Services :

The major objective of the project is to rehabilitate street children in order to contribute to their normal human development and help them discover greater freedom and dignity of life. In the rehabilitation process identification of the target group plays a vital role. The Street educators visit all the notorious places in the city like busstands, railway stations, market places, workshops, slums, under overbridges, road side business centres etc,. When they find such children, they initiate dialogue, motivate, convince and bring them to the home. During this reporting year i.e. 2011-12 the Street educators have intervened with around 400 children and brought only 270 to the home for further interactions. The break-up of the children according to their age, education, religion and place of origin are given in the following table. Individual case-sheet to keep track of the activities entertained now and planned for the future is being maintained at the centre.

Age	Below 10	10-13	14-16	7-18	Total
	13	67	163	27	
Education	Illiterate	Primary 1-5	Middle 6-8	Higher 9-12	270
	09	44	95	122	
Religion	Hindu	Muslim	Christian	-	270
	218	28	24	-	
Origin	Local slums	Other villages	Other Districts	Other States	270
	64	48	152	06	

Provision of Shelter and Care:

The immediate need of many street children, especially for those who come from other villages or towns or districts, is obviously a safe shelter. The children identified and taken to this home are provided the required safe shelter equipped with the required basic amenities. At a given time 40 children are being given the accommodation ensuring a safety and hygienic atmosphere. Besides that these children are provided food, recreational facilities like television, indoor games etc., health checkups cum treatment, non formal education, skills training, counseling and guidance. These children also are taken for some outings, picnics etc., to easeout themselves, to learn from sight seeing and interactions, and involved in celebrating some national and international days and religious/ cultural festivals to feel happy and one with others.

Counselling, Guidance and Placement:

The counselling helps the children to open and ventilate themselves so as to work out a better plan for their future placements by the Rehabilitation officers. Not only the children but also their aides, who are concerned with their well being are involved while giving counselling and guidance to make the plans very effective and realistic to the needs. The required follow up services also are rendered by the Coordinator and the rehabilitation workers after their rehabilitation in the fields of their own choice. The details of street children identified, taken care of and rehabilitated during the 2011-12 are as under:

S.No	Particulars	No.of Children	
01	Street Children identified and admitted in Home	247	
02	Children Rehabilitated		
	Home-placed	187	
	School-placed	25	
	Vocational job placed	08	220
03	Children under counselling and Guidance		
	From work places	12	
	From Local slums	08	
	At Shelter Homes	06	26
04	Children ran away from Home	01	

Non-formal and Vocational Education :

The children who have never been to the school and who have dropped in the middle due to various reasons are educated under non-formal methods. After proper education and orientation they are assisted to re-enroll themselves into their respective schools. The children who are not eligible for school placements are provided vocational skills in different trades, guided and placed appropriately. These children also are exposed to learn directly from site visits and interactions with small entrepreneurs to make their rehabilitation more successful and last long. The children vocationally trained and job placed during the year 2011-12.

S.No	Particulars	No.of Children
1	Electrician	02
2	Fitter	01
3	Motorcycle Mechanism	01
4	Notebook binding	02
5	Tailoring	02
	Total	08

B. Preventive Services :

The slum educators play a major role in providing the required preventive measures. They minimize the children from being dropped in the middle by meeting their initial school tuition fees, providing free note books and uniform clothes and by organizing evening study centres to upgrade their learning. The working children also are given due attention by providing the required literacy skills through non-formal system after or before their working times. The coverage of TMSSS during this reporting period are:

S.No.	Name of the Slum	School going children	Working children	Total
1	Ambedkar Nagar	68	08	76
2	Ariyamangalam	117	12	129
3	Gorimedu	98	10	108

4	Indira Nagar	73	09	82
5	Jailpettai	62	08	70
6	Kuttimalai	58	06	64
	Total	476	53	529

The preventive interventions of TMSSS do not end with the children alone but also extended with the parents, the public, and the relatives in their respective communities by way of regular meetings, discussions, awareness generation and campaigns. To note specially the "Campaign against child labour"(CACL), Children's Day, School enrolment campaign, Independence Day, Solidarity Team meet etc. were also observed to make our interventions more meaningful, practical and successful.

SUCCESS STORIES :

1. Madhavan :

This young lad of seven years old attracted the sudden glimpse of the rehabilitation staff of TMSSS while loitering in the Central Bus Stand at Trichy. A close follow-up for few minutes testified the boy to be single and to have no purpose in his roaming. The staff realizing the dangerous situation that, if he is not given immediate attention, there is every likelihood of absconding from the scene and being caught in the clutches of some vested interests or antisocial elements, who are always on the look out of some such boys or girls for their illegal and underground activities.

The first contact and attempt to drain information about the self and his background proved unsuccessful. Despite his false information, the staff tried to seek the help of Valapadi Police through Trichy Police Station to know about his native and background of his absconding based on his whispers. The investigation by Valapadi Police again, proved to be false as there was no such address and such a boy missing as per records.

Therefore the boy was kept at TMSSS rehabilitation home called SONTAM for two days. On the third day, two of the staff went with the boy himself to Valapadi to trace out the truth. They boy after reaching dragged them street by street and school by school but could not identify exactly anything. Therefore, the help of the local police was sought again. The concerned authorities, sending messages through wireless to all the Police Stations in the

surroundings traced from the complaint recorded at Thammampatti Police Station, about a boy missing from the school and their parents to be on the look out for the past four or five days. The Staff further proceeded and reached finally Thammampatty on the same night. Since the staff went after due information, the local police personnel, parents of the boy, relatives and the village people waited their arrival. After hearing a narration about the incident from the parents and others, the staff repatriated the boy Madhavan with his family and returned with peace and joy in mind.

2. R. Sivakumar :

The Out Reach Workers, when on their usual roundups in the public places, saw a teenager leaning against a fencing wall near the Railway Junction at Trichy. He seemed to be very weary and fatigued because he might not have eaten anything for a day or more. While he was under the watch he started searching for a coin from his trouser pocket that might have lost his attention after inserting. When he found the coin, his face became little bright and immediately rushed to a nearby tea stall, bought a plain bun and devoured it immediately.

Understanding more or less the grim situation of the boy through guess, the Out Reach Workers approached him and developed cordial relationship as he was little free from his weariness then. The boy started to pour out his feelings and anxieties since he might have thought that some help would be realized from them.

The boy with his younger sister was necessitated to take shelter in the maternal uncle's house in the event of sudden death of the mother and subsequent abandoning of the father as he took abode with his newly added wife elsewhere. The expected love and affection were not given, it seems, from his uncle and his family members. The craving or the urge to get such love, affection and care from others, which he thought to be easy, induced him to cut the school, loiter around the bushes in search of lizards for fun with his friends and finally set out of the place.

Having reached Trichy from his native that is 50 kms. away found every thing contrary to his expectations. There was nobody to listen or to care for him. Since the Out Reach Workers intervened by the providence of God he was able to get good food, temporary shelter and other personal needs for a few days. In the meantime the workers

worked out a conducive plan for his reintegration. The intensive counselling, motivation and guidance given facilitated or encouraged him to become reintegrated with his uncle's family where his sister continued to take abode. Since the boy was saved before being collapsed or spoiled he resumed his studies and thanks to God, he had written his X standard Public Examination and awaiting for the results. The Home is happy that it had served its purpose through its staff at the appropriate time.

4.3 Day Care Centre for MR Children :

(Supported by Liliane Fonds - The Netherlands)

Mental Retardation is a disability that manifests from the very birth of a child. The disability affects the intelligence, developmental milestones, understanding (respective and expressive) abilities and activities of the Daily Living Skills. Cerebral palsy is a non-progressive neurological disorder, that generally affects the intelligence, vision and speech due to pre-natal and post-natal causes. These children need early intervention to improve cognitive and physical development and to prevent further delay in achieving normal developmental milestones. Such children could learn, develop and become a participating member of the community, if proper and timely care and trainings are given. The parents and the care takers also should be given an orientation to provide the requirements and the care appropriate to those children.

The TMSSS is working for such children from the year 1997 with the continuous support of Stitching Liliane Fonds, The Netherlands. 20-25 MR children are being assisted with their requirements during the day time in the centre named "**Infant Jesus Day Care Centre for MR Children**" first at Ponmalai Adivaram and now at the newly constructed building at Sangliyandapuram with all the required facilities to suit the mobility needs of the children.

The different services provided at the centre are :

- Basic human needs like food, recreation and medical attention
- Basic living skills like brushing, bathing, washing, eating, toileting etc.
- Basic therapies in physio, occupational and speech
- Yoga and meditation
- Awareness and orientation to the parents and care takers

The Day Care Centre functions between 9.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. and all the activities at the centre are efficiently and effectively carried out by the placement of a Coordinator, two Special Educators and a supportive staff. The parents' meeting is also organized every month to share the work done, progress made, improvements expected, problems foreseen to be faced by them at home and ways and means to overcome those problems and difficulties. The children are also enthused and geared up by involving their active participation in celebrating the Christmas and other important Days.

4.4. Rehabilitation of the differently abled adults (NAMBIKKAYAGAM)

(Supported by Commissionerate for the Rehabilitation of the Differently Abled, Government of Tamilnadu, Chennai)

The Government of Tamilnadu introduced a new and novel project of special vocational centre with residential care and facilities for the differently abled adults with mental retardation and associated conditions of 14-25 age group. The disabled persons in developed countries are seen to become productive members of the society and are facilitated to look back on their life with content and satisfaction. When they are able, why not the persons of our country or state? This pestering question enthused the Government of Tamilnadu to venture into this new programme and the same spirit motivated TMSSS to become a partner in the efforts from the year 2008. Since then, the services are being continued starting from identification, proceeding to develop the hidden vocational skills and ending in enabling those adults access to livelihood securities.

For the present 50 persons (25 male and 25 female) are being accommodated, equipped with appropriate skills and taken care of meeting their other legitimate needs at 'NAMBIKKAIYAGAM' meaning House of Hope with the grants-in-aid of the Commissionerate for the Rehabilitation of the Differently Abled, Chennai. The new home was constructed and equipped with all the required infrastructural facilities with the generous contributions of "City of Hope and Joy Foundation", Spain. The new home witnessed its opening and blessing ceremonies on March 10, 2011 in the presence of the President and the team members of the Foundation, the Bishop of the Diocese and other special invitees including the TMSSS team of workers.

The prime activities :

- Special Education and Training
- Composite care and appropriate vocational skills training
- Improvement of socialization and acceptance processes
- Enhancement of the responsibility and involvement of the parents and care takers.
- Preventive measures of mental retardation and raising public awareness

The Different Services rendered during the year 2011-12

a) Health Care and Nutrition

Besides providing delicious and nutritious food the centre maintains the following minimum standards of services in the field of health.

- Regular visit by the general physician and the psychiatrist.
- Maintenance of individual health records and updating them at intervals.
- Follo-up of the menstrual cycle of the female students
- Assessment formats and other administrative records

b) Vocational Skills

Since social and economical securities for a peaceful and productive living are ensured with the inheritance of vocational skills, the home provides different vocational courses to develop the occupational skills of the persons. The capacity, interest, involvement and practicalities of each adult is assessed and according to the assessment, they are imparted and equipped with alternate skills. The major skills development fields are :

- Basics in Computer Operation and application
- Production of Computer Sambirani, phenyl, File pads, paper covers, woolen garlands, imitation jewellerys, baskets, bakery items and door mats.
- Tailoring and Embroidery

Major events of the year at NAMBIKKAIYAGAM

Date	Events
20.06.2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Shyamala, the District Differently Abled Welfare Officer(DDAWO) visited Nambikkaiyagam to over view the activities done. ➤ A team of volunteers from Spain, sponsored by City of Hope and Joy Foundation underwent a month's training in Special Education and Vocational Training at our centre.
29.07.2011	DDAWO of Trichy District visited the Home
15.08.2011	Independence Day Celebrated at Home with the presence of the DDAWO of Trichy Mrs. Shyamala and the Secretary of TMSSS Fr.S. Devaraj
09.09.2011	DDAWOs of Trichy and Coimbatore jointly introduced a new Vocational Training Programme in Door Mats Production.
18.09.2011	Special Teacher Award for 2011 was given to one of our Special Teachers.
21.10.2011	Diwali Festival Celebrated with gaiety
19.11.2011	Meeting on Special Education method, welfare of special teachers and varied vocational training for adult MR was organized at TMSSS
21.11.2011	Mrs. Selvarani PA to the Collector (Accounts) visited the Home
25.11.2011	Mr. Karuthagani, General Manager DIC visited the Home
10.12.2011	Inmates of Nambikkaiyagam participated in the medical camp organized at Joseph's Eye Hospital, Trichy
20.12.2011	World Disabled Day was celebrated in Anna Stadium, Trichy. One of our student won the sports event and received an award distributed by the District Collector.
21.12.2011	Christmas Day was celebrated with prayer and cultural programmes
12.01.2012	Mrs. Kannaki Packiyathan IAS, Chief Executive Director, Commissionerate for Differently Abled, Chennai visited the Home
13.01.2012	Pongal Festival was celebrated with the inmates
25.01.2012	World Disability Day was celebrated in TMSSS. Mr. A. Alexander Mohan, IPS., Inspector General Police, Trichy Region honoured the celebration by his presence in the dais.
26.01.2012	Republic Day was celebrated at the Home
31.01.2012	Disabled Students and Special Teachers participated in the special vocational training programm organized by DDAWO office in court campus.
04.02.2012	Monfort Brothers of Trichy Province spent a day at the home and distributed mementoes after conducting some indoor competitions.

04.03.2012	Mme. Maria Moreno, the President and her team members from City of Hope and Joy Foundation, Spain visited the centre, inspected the facilities established and appreciated the activities initiated for the welfare and development of the MR adults at the home.
31.03.2012	The staff of Nambikkaiyagam participated in the Retreat organized by TMSSS at Arunkodai Illam.

Other Activities :

- The academic and vocational skills gained by the MR adults at the home are evaluated twice a year by the Special Teachers.
- The General Medical Practitioner conducts the physical and mental health check ups of the inmates of the home once in a month
- The Parents meeting is being conducted once in two months at the home
- One day picnic was organized twice a year for the inmates
- The students of Master of Social Work (MSW) and Rehabilitation Science of different colleges in Trichy had their field project work practice in training and community organization in our home.

CASE STUDIES

1. Stephy :

Stephy now aged 18 is one of the moderately retarded girls from Trichy district when admitted. She was assessed to be very poor in self help and academic skills through different tests. She was also poor in numerical identification. With continuous practice she was made to identify the numbers properly. While attending her the special teachers recognized her to have good talents in singing and dancing. She was given rigorous training in those fields. As a result she has now become competent to appear on stages and to win many prizes. She is proving herself to be one of the responsible persons in the home through her active involvement and participation.

2. Sathish Kumar

Sathish Kumar, when joined the home three years back was identified to be a Down Syndrome boy. He was assessed to be very slow in academic and non-academic skills, inactive in different circumstances and with lot of behavioural problems. The regular and individual attention and care given by the special teachers have transformed him to become one of the best and interested students in studies and particularly in doing

mathematical sums. His involvement and cooperation with the efforts of the special teachers at every step have enabled him to come out of his behavioural problems and to mingle in the society freely. He is evincing interest now in equipping himself with some vocational skill so as to become self - dependant and sustainable in his future living.

5. VOCATIONAL CUM EMPLOYMENT ORIENTED

5.1 Morning Star Industrial Training Centre :

The TMSSS with an aim to provide a better and brighter future for the poor and less privileged students (boys and girls) of rural areas and city slums with appropriate technical education and skills started the Morning Star Industrial Training Centre and Industrial School in the year 1986. Since the inception, the students hailing from very poor families, who discontinue their studies in the middle due to poverty and economic instability in their families are being given preference in admission because they needed the priority attention to mainstream themselves in the fast developing communities.

The Centre offers two approved courses and one unapproved course for the benefit of the eligible candidates identified and selected from the above categories of the society. They are :

S.No.	Name of the Course	Approved by	Eligibility Criteria
1	Computer Operator and Programming Assistant (COPA)	NCVT	+2 pass 14-40 age group
2	Advanced Integrated Software Technology (AIST)	SCVT	10 th pass or Fail 14-40 age group
3	Part time Computer Courses in MS-office, C, C++, Data entry	--	Any qualification, No age limit.

The duration of the first two courses are for one year. On completion of the course they are facilitated to appear for All India Trade Test and the successful candidates are issued course certificates by NCVT under Craftsman Training Scheme.

Till date 1355 candidates have rolled out of this centre successfully with the appropriate certificates. Among them 1012 candidates have already secured a gainful placements both in the Government and Private sectors.

The above courses are being offered to the candidates by Two Full time and one Part time Instructors, who are adequately qualified and experienced in the teaching line. The Morning Star Industrial Training Centre and Industrial School are accommodated in the TMSSS Empowerment centre.

5.2 St. Joseph's Industrial School

The St. Joseph's Industrial School that was established during the year 1985 at Manjampatty with an aim to equip the rural poor and less privileged students with additional skills other than mere academics, to enable them to find job placements and mainstream themselves in normal course of life continues to render its relentless services.

The school provides one year trade course in Advanced Integrated Software Technology (AIST) for 10th passed students of both the sex. The course has the approval of SCVT and hence the successful candidates are issued course certificate.

Besides the above regular course, some short term courses are also offered by the school for school going students and workers of both in organized and unorganized sectors to further equip themselves and become competent to face any situation in the future.

No efforts are being spared by TMSSS in finding apprenticeship training and job placements for the successful candidates since on their own they become handicaps. During this reporting year 13 students both studying and working have been enrolled for the said courses in the school.

In lieu of the 125th year celebrations of the Tiruchirapalli Diocese, the poor and less-privileged candidates were offered concessions in their course fees.

5.3 Our Lady Girihini Centre :

Despite the provision of free and compulsory education for all upto the age of 14 by the Government, many students especially the girls hailing from poor rural families are being dropped in the middle and engaged in some labour oriented activities both in home and out in the fields. They are being deprived from accessing to higher or technical education due to financial crisis in their families. Such students, mainly girls when in the fields are

exposed to lot of hardships, exploitations and even sexual abuse by their masters, supervisors and other well-offs.

Taking into serious consideration the deprivation and dangerous status of the girls, TMSSS established the Girihini Centre at Nazareth and named it as **Our Lady Girihini Centre**. The centre presently offers skills training in Tailoring and Embroidery for 20 such girls. After the completion of the training they are supported to establish self-employment avenues or to become employed in other units. These additional skills facilitate the girls to find adequate employment and income and the additional income enables them to meet their own needs, to contribute their share to the family, to place themselves in a better place in the marriage market and thereby enhance their livelihood opportunities.

During this reporting year 02 of the 20 candidates trained were given sewing machines free of cost and another 10 were given two third subsidy to purchase their own machines. The remaining candidates were reported to be successful in finding their own resources.

5.4 St. Mary's Working Women Hostel

St. Mary's Working Women Hostel was constructed with the financial collaboration of the Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi and declared open in the year 1989 with an aim to provide safe and secured accommodation and boarding facilities for the working women employed at Trichy from Trichy and other neighbouring districts. The hostel located at a prime place in Marsingpet, Trichy provides the required and expected accommodation and other facilities for the past 24 years in succession. Though the demand for seeking a place in the hostel is increasing year by year, as the number of women taking employment had increased at an alarming rate, the administration becomes handicapped in admitting only 150 in all including working women and post graduate college students, who could not get hostel facilities anywhere else. The hostel is ably managed and maintained by a team of 11 service staff under the supervision and control of Sr. Savari, as the warden.

To foster unity, team spirit and adaptability to any circumstances among and by the inmates, festivals like Christmas, Deepavali, Pongal etc. are being celebrated every year. The Hostel Day also is being celebrated every year with the active involvement, participation

and contribution of the inmates. The common prayer meetings organized frequently also enable the inmates to become one before God without any discrimination or inhibition.

5.5 Short Stay Home and Rehabilitation of Stranded Women

(Supported by the Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi)

The Short Stay Home (SSH) for Stranded Women in Mannarpuram, Trichy named as "SONTHAM" was established by TMSSS in the year 1993. Since then, the home takes in women and girls who are in distress, crisis situations and departed from their families due to some physical, mental and psychological problems both before and after marriage. The admittants are provided temporary shelter, food and the required basic recreational and health care facilities to ease themselves and come out of their depressions. Then they are provided counseling and if the process was successful they are reconciled with their spouses or family members depending upon the situation. If not reconciled and replaced, they are further equipped with some productive and income generative vocational skills so as to enable them find some appropriate livelihood opportunities after they leave the home. The home also offers referral and rehabilitation services for the most deserving stranded women or girls for permanent settlement.

The details of inmates admitted and handled during the year 2011-12 are :

➤ No.of inmates at home in the beginning of the year	25
➤ No.of candidates admitted during the year	30

Total	55

➤ No.of cases handled and discharged within the year	33
➤ No.of cases still under process at the end of the year	22

Total	55

Classification of women/girls admitted during the year

➤ Marital maladjustment	:	13
➤ Family related problems	:	11
➤ Unwed mother	:	01
➤ Love affair	:	02
➤ Police Case	:	02
➤ Psychological problem	:	01

Outcomes of the Rehabilitation measures endeavoured

➤ Reinducted with their parents	:	18
➤ Reconciled with their husbands	:	06
➤ Women job placed	:	02
➤ Marriages arranged for	:	02
➤ Other rehabilitations	:	05

Training Activities carried out :

- Vocational Skills Training in : Wire bags making, Greetings Card designing, Doll making, Tailoring and Embroidering
- Sensitization Training in : Gender equity, HIV/AIDS awareness, spinning wire to chairs, Handicrafts work
- Training on mental growth : Group plays, Individual counselling, social Awareness songs, Development perspectives.

The Home and its varied services are properly inspected and monitored by the concerned authorities from the District and State Social Welfare Offices, They are :

S.No.	Name of Person	Designation	Date of visit
1	Mr. V.L. Palaniyappan	Asst. Project Officer Tamilnadu Social Welfare Board, Chennai	30.06.12011
2	Mrs. Yasothai	District Social Welfare Officer, Trichy	03.12.2011

The Sub-committee meetings also were organized and held once in three months as per the regulations and instructions of the Central Social Welfare Board. The details of meetings organized during the year 2011-12 are :

S.No.	Date	Place	No.of members participated
1	16.04.2011	SONTHAM	11
2	25.07.2011	SONTHAM	11
3	29.10.2011	SONTHAM	11
4	19.01.2012	SONTHAM	11

5.6 SONTHAM - Note Books Production and Binding Unit

The Note Books Production and Binding unit at V.N. Nagar (near Chathiram Bus Terminal) Trichy was first established by TMSSS on 2nd September 2004 with a major aim to equip the street children brought under the care with some production skills, to provide employment and income opportunities and thereby to enable them to become self dependant and masters of their own destinies.

The list of machineries installed in the unit :

- Full automatic computerized cutting machine
- Full automatic Perfect Binding machine
- Full automatic sewing cum stitching machine
- Full automatic Ruling machine
- Full automatic Semi auto cutting machine
- Full automatic Creasing machine
- Hard Press Punching ma

The performance record of the year

- No. of Street Children equipped with the skills : 18
- No. of Street Children employed in the unit : 09
- No. of personnel responsible for the unit : 11
 - Production Manager : 01
 - Marketing Manager : 01
 - Unit workers : 09
- No. of Institutions benefitted from the project : 28

The orders are taken at the appropriate timings i.e at the eve of scholastic year beginning from different schools, colleges, Institutions etc. established within and outside of Trichy for the supply of note books, writing pads, office files, folders and other wrappers. On completion of the production the required items are delivered on or before the stipulated timings. The income turned out are used to provide the required care and support for the street children employed and under training, to meet the salaries of the professional staff and to meet the maintenance and improvement of the unit with

machineries. The unit is made thereby a self-dependent venture. Thanks to Andheri Hilfe Bonn, Germany for its generous support to make the unit viable with the installation of the required machineries, equipments and other facilities.

6. ECONOMIC AND LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT

6.1 Agricultural Training Centre (ATC)

The Agricultural Training Centre of TMSSS at Nazareth in Pudukottai District, that was established in 75 acres of land during the year 1983 continues its valuable services for the benefit of the small and marginal farmers and women headed farming communities living in and around the area. The centre organizes different training and orientation programmes to equip and empower the beneficiaries with the upto-date, modern, scientific and profitable methods of cultivation including the natural and organic farming techniques and practices.

The trainings and orientation programmes of the year 2011-12:

- Vermi compost production - Theory and practice for 35 participants
- Production of organic manure - Theory and practice for 40 participants
- Production of herbal pesticides - Theory and practice for 30 participants
- Natural and organic farming practices - Theory only for 50 participants

The geography of the centre :

- Total extent of farm land 75 acres
- Open wells 06 Nos.
- Bore wells 07 Nos
- Percolation Ponds 02 Nos
- Area under direct cultivation 03 acres

The centre had involved in planting 30,20 Eucalyptus saplings over two acres, cultivating Gingili oil seeds in one acre and growing paddy in number of acres depending on the availability of water. Barbed wire fencing to a length of 1500 feet was also undertaken towards the north east side of the centre during this year to check the intruders and to prevent the neighbours from using the land as their short cut path way.

The Livestocks maintained at the centre

Sheep	:	67	Ducks	:	07
Goats	:	18	Manila	:	05
Chicken	:	38	Turkeys	:	03
Cows	:	03			
Calves	:	03			

6.2 Delayed Marketing Centre (DMC)

The conditions of the small and marginal farmers are becoming more and more stagnant and deplorable year by year because they are being deprived of enjoying the fruits of their investment and labour fully. They are necessitated to borrow the required capital, invest them in the cultivation, put in their hard labour, forced to face all untoward short comings posed by nature, pests, animals and even by human and bring the production at last to their homes. Since they do lack the adequate storage facilities they are forced again to sell their products at throw away prices to repay their borrowings, to meet their emergent needs and again becoming trapped in the same vicious circle. It has been estimated that out of 100% investments (money, material and labour) these poor farmers are able to get only 53% in turn allowing the remaining 47% to be shared and enjoyed by the middle men, traders and others like animals, wastages etc.

Having concern on the well being of these neglected and exploited sections of the farming communities, TMSSS established the Delayed Marketing Centres in the year 1994 with the following objectives

Objectives :

- To eliminate the exploitation by middlemen, traders and money lenders.
- To enable the poor farmers get fair and competitive price for their products
- To facilitate the farmers to play the due role in fixing up the prices for their products
- To help the farmers to keep their products in a safe and secured place untill they are able to get reasonable prices.
- To orient and encourage them to create direct linkages with marketing firms/agencies to minimize middlemen intervention and exploitation.

The Delayed Marketing Centres established by TMSSS has become a boon for the rural poor farmers because the centre provides the following services:

- The centre pays 70% of the value of their products on procurement and thereby enables them to meet their immediate financial needs and to have something for the next cultivation season.
- The products procured from the farmers are stored in a safe and secured place free from all catastrophies
- Permits the farmers to take out their products when the prices are reasonable or high and sell them
- Collects the dues from them allowing them to enjoy atleast 30 to 40 percent more returns from their products.

The details of the activities and services rendered by the DMCs during the year 2011-12 are :

S.No.	Name of the Centre	No.of beneficiaries	No.of Bags procured	Amount of loan/advance given Rs.
1	Keeranur DMC	63	1896	6,14,260
2	Nazareth DMC	43	926	4,05,000
3	Manapparai DMC	50	1725	5,00,000
	Total	156	4547	15,19,260

6.3 Natural and Organic Farming :

As a result of the Green Revolution, the fertility of the soil have become degraded, the production of grains decreased, the people are exposed to innumerable diseases and the farmers were driven to bottom line due to excessive use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and polluted water. The time has come now that the farmers had to change their pattern or methods of cultivation and other inputs to save and safeguard themselves and the public. The Natural and Organic Farming Project introduced by TMSSS with the financial support of the Italian Bishops' Conference have become a rescue and development point for the farmers from all their short comings.

The planned objectives of the programme/project are being brought to materialization through a series of trainings, awareness programmes through cultural events, workshops,

exposure visits and establishment of model farms with the expert advice and guidance of many stalwarts in the fields like the Agri-experts of Saraswathi Krishi Vigyam Kendra (SKVK) of Pulutheri and especially the Natural Farming Scientist Thiru Nammalvar. The above planned project activities are being initiated in 45 villages of Keeranur, Viralimalai, Vaiyampatty and Manapparai areas.

To make the programme more effective and practical both the staff and the beneficiary farmers were provided adequate training and exposures on the subjects of natural and organic farming. The details are :

Training and exposure programmes :

- Training for programme staff for two days
- Training of the beneficiary farmers at village level. 18 villages were covered and 600 farmers became empowered with the required knowledge and skills.
- Training of the Farmers' club leaders at areawise in ATC Nazareth, DMC at Keeranur and DMC at Manjampatty. 180 leaders at 60 from each area benefitted from the training.
- Training for 30 cultural team members for two days to make them competent to perform their stage programmes to raise awareness among the farmers communities.
- Awareness programme was organized in 18 villages with the help of the cultural team members trained. In total 2,505 members from farming communities participated and benefitted from the cultural events.
- Selected representatives of the farming communities were taken on an exposure to three natural and organic farms near Kumbakonam in Thanjavur district. The representatives learned a lot through personal inspection, interrogation and discussion.

Future plans :

- To take all the necessary steps to enrich the soil fertility in all the land holdings of the beneficiaries.
- To establish a model Natural and Organic Farm at Agricultural Training Centre (ATC) of the TMSSS at Nazareth in Pudukottai District.

- To instigate and support for the establishment of model Natural and Organic Farms in the lands of 150 selected representatives of the farming communities within the area of operation of the project.

7. GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Empowerment Training Centre :

Since the Empowerment Centre of TMSSS has been fully equipped, furnished and facilitated with modern communication instruments, it serves as a common platform for NGOs, Government Departments, University students, Private business and service firms and individual families to organize and conduct their, both residential and non-residential meetings, trainings, workshops, consultations, sharings, symposiums, cultural events and other ceremonies or celebrations. During this reporting period 346 programmes of different types have been accommodated and 17,003 participants in total have availed the benefits extended. The income raised from the centre is being used to self support the programmes and to meet the maintenance costs involved.

The monthwise details of the programmes held at the centre

S.No.	Month and Year	No.of Meetings	No.of Participants
1	April 2011	29	1,418
2	May 2011	39	2,191
3	June 2011	30	1,366
4	July 2011	32	1,828
5	August 2011	29	999
6	September 2011	26	1,303
7	October 2011	28	1,026
8	November 2011	26	1,206
9	December 2011	23	859
10	January 2012	18	585
11	February 2012	41	3,240
12	March 2012	25	982
	Total	346	17,003

Accommodation facilities available :

S.No.	Name of the Facility	Seating Capacity	Additional Facilities
1	St. Thomas Community Hall	400	Audio Visual Provisions with a well decorated stage
2	Roa Hall	100	Modern public address system
3	TLS Hall	40	Moderate training facilities
4	SK Hall A/C	30	Air Conditioning facility
5	Double occupancy rooms	34	Double beds, Bathroom and Toilet attached.

All the halls are well furnished individually with the required number of tables, chairs, boards and electrical equipments. Three single rooms also are available to accommodate the resource persons and the VIPs. Moreover the well furnished dining hall facilitates to accommodate 100 persons at a time for dining. Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian foods are served on request.

7.2 Administration Centre :

The fully furnished and adequately equipped administrative block of TMSSS has individual rooms for the Secretary cum Director and Assistant Secretary, individual cabins for departmental heads, mini hall for MMI and SURABI activities, Family Counselling Room, Chappal, Dining hall for staff, Library, Store Room and separate sanitary facilities for men and women. The departmental heads are provided intercom facilities and computers to work on. The remaining space in the block have been partitioned to accommodate the future needs.

7.3. Board Members and Meetings.

Tiruchirapalli Multipurpose Social Service Society (TMSSS) is one of the units of Tiruchirapalli Catholic Diocese committed to the cause of social development and liberation of the oppressed sections of the society. The TMSSS is being administered by the General

Body and Governing body. The General body and the Governing body members meet twice in a year to review the performances of TMSSS and to plan for the future.

The List of the General and Governing Body Members

S.No.	Name	Designation
01	Most Rev.Dr.Antony Devotta, Tiruchirappalli	President
02	Mr.D. Stanislaus, Tiruchirappalli	Vice President
03	Fr.S.Devaraj, Tiruchirappalli	Secretary
04	Mr.C. John Britto,, Tiruchirappalli	Treasurer
05	Msgr.P. Thomas Paulsamy, Tiruchirappalli	Member
06	Fr.R. Mariasoosai, Nazareth	Member
07	Fr.S. Kulandaisamy, Tiruchirappalli	Member
08	Fr.S. Chinnappan, Thuvankurichi	Member
09	Fr.T.Eugene, Tiruchirappalli	Member
10	Fr.S. Innacimuthu, Tiruchirappalli	Member
11	Fr.M. John Peter, Tiruchirappalli	Member
12	Fr.T. Sagayaraj, Tiruchirappalli	Member
13	Mr.G. Pitchai Arockiam, N.Poolampatty	Member
14	Mrs. Prabha Chella, Tiruchirappalli	Member
15	Mr. Durai Sebastian, Ex.M.P. Manapparai	Member
16	Mr.M.D. Robert, Tiruchirappalli	Member
17	Mrs. Suganya, Tiruchirappalli	Member
18	Fr.S.J. Savarimuthu, Tiruchirappalli	Member

Board Meetings held during the year:

Type of Meeting	Date of Meeting
Annual General Body	30.07.2011
Governing Body	30.07.2011
Extraordinary General Body	30.03.2012
Extraordinary Governing Body	30.03.2012